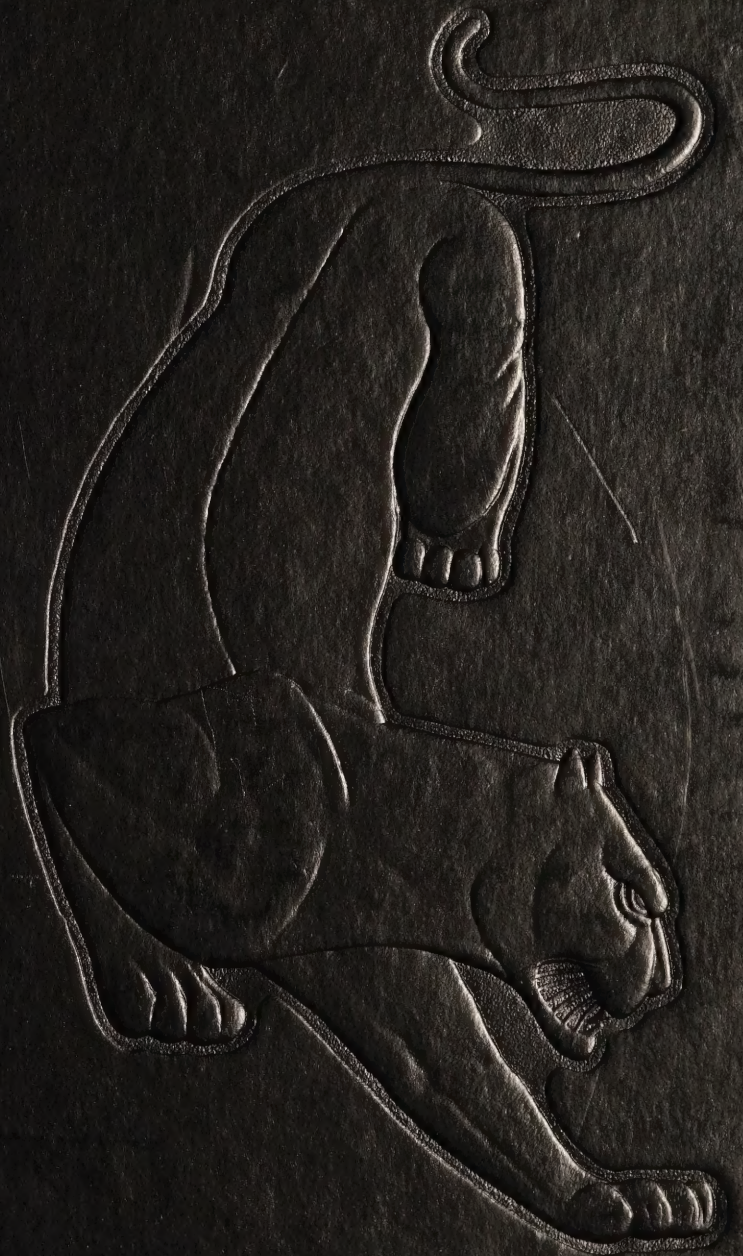


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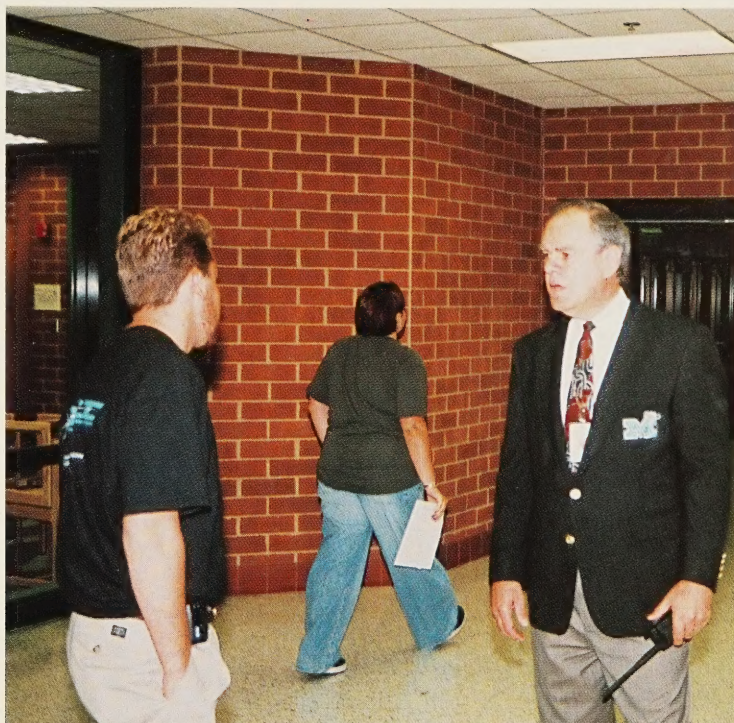




# *from day* **one**

## **READY OR NOT?**

ON THE MORNING OF OPENING DAY, Principal C. Hampton Gray touches base with Paul Smith of Donahoe Construction Company. Despite the fact that classes had begun, much of the school such as the cafeteria and auditorium was not complete. Computer installers, painters, electricians and other workers were a common sight in the halls.



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***Ready or not,***

Massaponax High School, though unfinished, opened its doors to students on Monday, September 8.

On day **one** definite change was evident in the eyes of each student, sure of only one thing – the experience would be unique.

But greater than change was the knowledge of being the first to build a legacy.

“As I walked in that first day, I knew this was a new beginning, for me and this school. I vowed to make this the best experience ever...

*from day*

**one**

-said Jo-Al Simmerman.







On the Friday before school began, the Panthers played their season opener, shutting out the Louisa Lions 13-0. The referees signal the team's and school's first touchdown. *Photo by C. Gray.*

At the school's football opener, The Marching Panther Pride's 71 musicians made their debut. Performing on the baritone, Dana Suich plays the music of the performance theme, Time Flies. *Photo by C. Gray.*



Spotsylvania VFW Post 10546 presented an American flag to the school on September 25. Member Richard Fleming presents the flag to school Principal C. Hampton Gray at the 10:30 a.m. ceremony as fellow post members Ed Maycen, Preston Coleman, and Commander William Bovee look on. *Photo by C. Goldstein*



The building of a new school definitely meant new faces. On the first day as we caught up with old friends, we shyly smiled and made eye contact with soon to be new friends.

What traditions we would build as a newly formed body were uncertain. We were certain of one thing, we would be the ones to build them.

Our blended student body began a legacy of unity, pride, and tradition doing...



*first things*  
**first**





More than 1,100 students entered MHS on the first day. Junior Catherine Walden and sophomore Shannon Voss arrive at school by 7:30 a.m. "The bus ride wasn't as long as I had expected it to be, the driver knew where she was going," Voss said. *Photo by S. Woodcock*

Getting a little 'help from her friends' freshman Ashley Pixley chats with sophomores April Morales and Tiffany Alexander during their first lunch shift. "Lunch was hardest that first day, we didn't know anybody," Alexander said. *Photo by N. Barksdale*



Engaged in a guy versus girl tug of war, Jason Young pits his strength against Marisha Roberts and Denise Machonis during Mrs. Gebhart's third period Advanced English 11 class. The class played three separate times with the guys winning twice. Part of a unit on Native Americans students had the opportunity to play an number of different games.



Following the senior assembly during first period, Andre Jeanpierre stops to discuss his post-graduation plans with Assistant Principal Holland. Jeanpierre hopes to attend "MSU to study criminal law." Photo by Nick Barksdale.



SEPTEMBER 8, 1998

# LIFE & TIMES

"I remember the smell, it smelled new, like paint and it was bright," Ron Lewis.

**7:45 a.m.** - "I was kind of scared because I didn't know anybody here except for my host family sisters. When my first period chorus teacher told everybody I was from Russia, they stared at me for a moment and didn't talk to me," said foreign exchange student Masha Petrova. "By sixth period it was better. In Psychology class, we were telling our favorites and our hobbies and the people were more friendlier there."

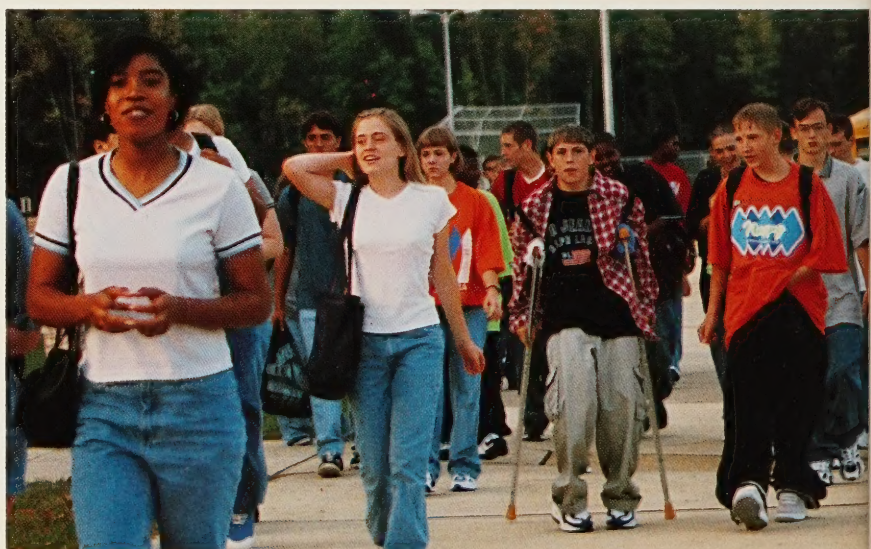
**10:25 a.m.** - Finally arriving at his Computer Math class, David Martin looked forward to working with brand new computers and learning to program. "I really care about that class because I can relate to what's going on. I signed up for it, it's not something you're required to take," Martin said adding he would like to be a computer programmer when he is older.

**1:42 p.m.** - Mary Yancy has just completed her fourth turn around the downstairs in search of room 130. Unsuccessful, she finally asked Mrs. Clark for help. "I remember getting lost," Yancy said. "Last year at Courtland [as a freshman], I had a senior buddy to help me find my way. This year I was on my own and 130 wasn't on the map."

**1:42 p.m.** - By seventh period I had finally gotten to an elective class, Journalism. It was the one I have picked. I was anxious to learn what journalism was about. I thought it was fun. I liked it.

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Arriving by 7:28 a.m. on the first day, Cedarbrook subdivision resident Sonya Cochran is followed Crystal Samperton, an injured Josh Honrath and Brad Weisenburg. Honrath injured his ankle when he jumped from a balcony. Photo by S. Woodcock







Following their bus ride from the Breezewood area, Tamara Banks, Tanisha Montague and Takeya Howard arrive at school at 7:25 a.m. "It's okay," Montague said of MHS. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*



Outside the locker room hallway in the commons area, close friends and classmates Amanda Antosh and Randall Pierce greet each other. Both students attended Chancellor last year and hadn't seen each other all summer. "Amanda has always been one of my best friends. It felt great to see her again after a long summer," said Pierce. *Photo by N. Barksdale.*



Approximately 200 students waited outside the Guidance Office on Tuesday morning. "They were there to pick up their schedules," said counselor Gene Myers. "Those students who didn't come to open house didn't receive their schedules. We didn't have homeroom, they had to come to Guidance." *Photo by Nick Barksdale.*

Students arriving before 7:30 a.m. were restricted to the commons area on the first day as well as the following two weeks in an effort to keep students out of unsupervised halls. Justin Nissley, Ryan Westveer and Jay Fairchild await the release tone. "I was glad when it ended," Nissley. "that way we were closer to our lockers and had more time to hang out with friends." *Photo by Nick Barksdale.*



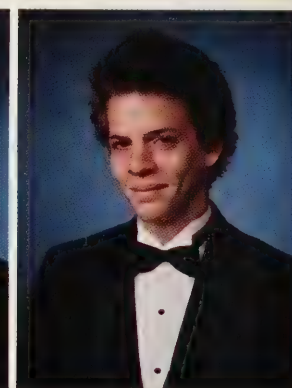
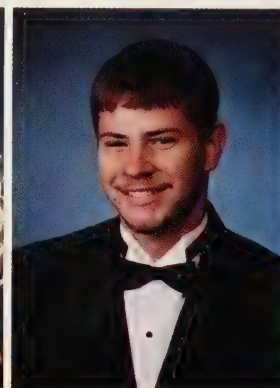
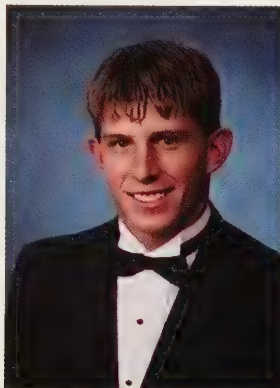
Billy Grantz and Eric Martin squeezed their names on the wet cement with nails, then handed them over to the next pair of waiting seniors. Approximately 79 seniors place their name on the court. Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.

Proudly signing, Fedricia Harrison adds her name to the collection of seniors. "I felt like the bomb," Harrison said. "The seniors were the first to rule the school, and I was one of them." Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.

Kneeling side by side, seniors Nikki Cunningham and Jan Muerdler carefully etch their names. "We were the first two to sign," said Muerdler. "It's like we were starting a new tradition. It was cool." Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.



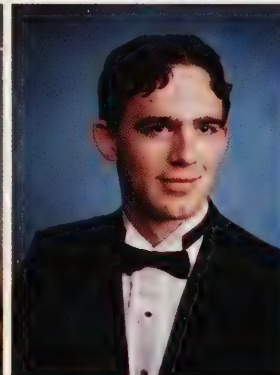
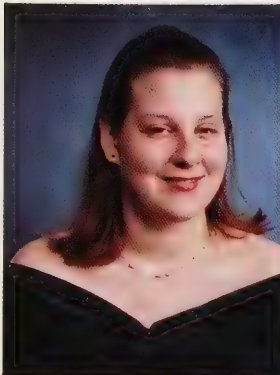
Joshua Aaron Adams. Baseball 9-12; FBLA 9; FCA 10,11.  
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William Christopher Atkinson  
Andrew Kenneth Baker



April Rene Barker

Jessica Ann Barley. Spanish Club 12; Marine Science Club 12; Environmental Club 12; SCA Rep 12.

Jacob Israel Baumgarten. National Honor Society 11,12; German Club 12 (Vice President); TSA 12.  
Amoreena Bernardy





# one and only

**NO MATTER WHAT THEIR REASON** for attending, one thing was for sure, this senior class definitely made history.

Some came for a new beginning, and the schools' opening offered just that.

"I wasn't happy at Courtland. I needed a change," said **Nikki Cunningham**. "I think it's exhilarating and we have many opportunities." Cunningham, who ran for both class and SCA office, was excited by the chance to be in leadership positions for the senior class and the student government.

"The idea of a new beginning appealed to me," said **Ryan McDonnell** who came to play on the soccer team.

Sports was also a factor when students decided whether to stay at their former school or become members of Massaponax's first senior class.

"I primarily came to the new school to play soccer," said **Phill Mancini**. "But I also came for the opportunity to participate in SCA."

Mancini, who ran and was elected as the school's first SCA President, was excited with his chance to help build the SCA in a new school.

"I came to Massaponax because of the scholarship opportunities," said **Miranda Ellis** who also enjoyed the smaller class sizes.

Regardless of their reasons for choosing to be a part of the first graduating class, one thing was certain: all class members chose to attend Massaponax, and that impacted attitudes.

"I wanted to set the example for all the underclassmen," **Nate Samuels** said about his reason for electing to attend.

Reasons for choosing to switch schools were as diverse as the members of the class, but the feeling of unity was very strong.

"Even though we have come from different schools, we've made friends with each other fairly quickly and have bonded together as seniors," said **Amy Roemer**.

*by Jason Miller*

**Lynnette Katrice Bowler**

**Sarah Grace Boyd.** Marching Band 11,12; Concert Band 9; Symphonic Band 10-12; National Honor Society 11,12; SNAPS 12; Photography Club 11; SADD 10,11; Astronomy Club 11; Pep Band 10-12.

**Jennifer Broadwater**

**Candice Lee Carpenter.** Marching Band 10-12 (Section leader); Literary Magazine 11; Bio Club 12 (Vice President); Astronomy Club 11,12; Class Reporter Historian 12; Spanish Club 10-12; Drama Club 11,12; SNAPS 12.

**David Raynaldo Clark.** Track 9-12; Football 9-12; Soccer 9-12.

**Charles James Cook**

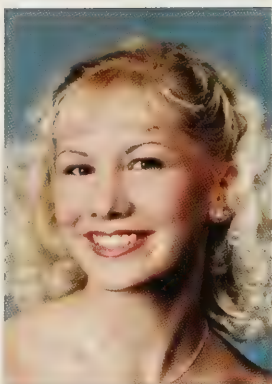
**Tanya Lynn Cooper.** Drama 11,12; Chorus 11; Interactors 12.

**Nikki Renee Cunningham.** Key Club 9-12; Forensics 10-12; SCA 9-12; Class Officer 9; Senior Class Vice President; Softball 9-12; Cheerleading 11,12; ICC 12; Drama 10,12; Marching Band 9,10.

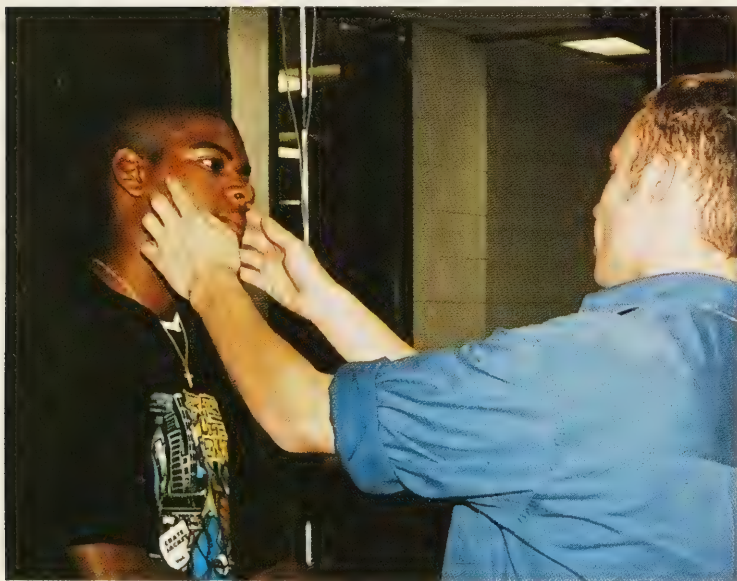
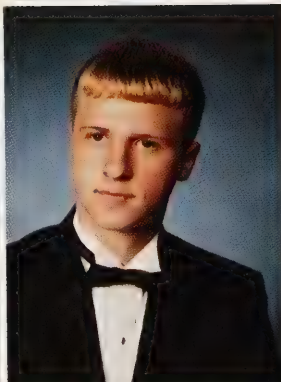
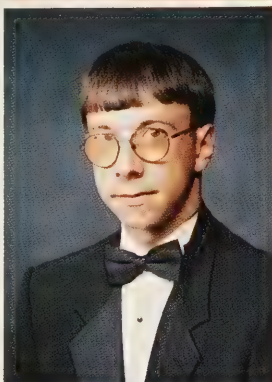




**Amanda Marie Edwards.** Majorette 9-12;  
Cheerleader 12; Marching Band 11, 12  
(Secretary); SADD 11 (Reporter Historian);  
Winter Guard 9, 10, 12; French Club 9-11.  
**Miranda Diane Ellis.** French Club 10, 11; Latin  
Club 9; Multicultural Club 11; James Farmer  
Scholars 9-12; National Honor Society 11, 12;  
Environmental Club 12; SCA 12 (Executive  
Board) Senior Class Treasurer.  
**Brad Arthur Ellsworth.** Football 9-12; Indoor  
Track 9-12; Track 9-12; FBLA 10-12; SCA 12  
(Board); Spanish Club 9, 10.  
**Lequetta Marshett Garland**



**Craig Allen Goldstein.** Key Club 10-12;  
FBLA 12; Newspaper 12.  
**Billy Lee Allen Grantz.** Soccer 8-12; SCA 9-  
11; Band 9, 10, 12; Marching Band 9, 10;  
German Club, 11; Environmental Club 12;  
Spanish Club 9, 10.  
**Pamela Sue Hair**  
**Cassandra Rene Hall.** Gospel Choir 11;  
Cheerleader 12; FBLA 12; Interact Club 12.



The photographer helps Chris Parris get just the right tilt before taking a series of candid shots. Parris delayed getting his picture taken until the last makeup day. Photo by S. Woodcock

Listening carefully to the suggestion of the photographer, T.J. Joseph awaits her formal sitting. "Well, I wish the lady would've told me I was wearing my scrunchie. A few proofs looked like something sharp was sticking from my neck," she said. Photo by S. Woodcock



A last minute adjustment to the way his shirt drapes ensures just the right look for Josh Adam's casual portrait. Adams had his pictures taken in the spring of his junior year, but wasn't satisfied with the results, he said. Photo by S. Woodcock







**David Hall**  
**Sheryl Robyn Hansford.** Class Board 9; Marching Band 9-11; Jazz Band 9; Pep Band 9-11; National Honor Society 11,12; Interact Club 12.  
**Tamarah Lea Hanson**  
**Arianna Autumn Harp.** Spanish Honor Society 11; EAC 10; Women's Choir 11; Concert Choir 9,10.

**Joanne Lashaun Harris**  
**Fedricia India-Mari Harrison**  
**Tracy Lynn Hartman**  
**Troy Eugene Harvey.** Basketball 9; James Farmer Scholar 9-12; Indoor Track 9,10,12; Outdoor Track 9,10,12.

**we're  
 lookin'  
 good**

STUDENT PICTURE DAY WAS WEL-  
 comed by some and dreaded  
 by others.

The perfect outfit is always  
 important.

"My make-up always has to  
 match my outfit," said sopho-  
 more **Jo-Al Simmerman** who  
 believes outfits and make-up  
 are very important on picture  
 day.

Outfit color and hair style  
 are what junior **Ashley Grant**  
 felt were most important.

Some students didn't dread  
 the picture taking, but were  
 not happy with the results.

"I practiced smiling too  
 much before the picture was  
 taken and did not smile in the  
 picture," said freshman **Tonia  
 Rutherford** explaining her dis-  
 appointment with how her pic-  
 tures turned out.

"They did not tell me when  
 to smile and I wasn't ready

when they took it. I wish I could  
 retake them",said drama  
 teacher **Mrs.Kemp**,who was  
 also unsatisfied with the way  
 her pictures turned out.

But Simmerman said she  
 loved the way her pictures  
 turned out and gave some of  
 them to her close friends and  
 family.

"It was really fun, I felt like a  
 princess for the day," said se-  
 nior **Amy Roemer** who enjoyed  
 taking her senior portraits. She  
 got to bring her choice of five  
 outfits and they did your make-  
 up for you.

"They charge an arm and a  
 leg for pictures these  
 days",said senior **Billy Grantz**  
 about the high cost to purchase  
 finished senior portraits.

Despite the hassle, all-in-all  
 the student body was lookin'  
 good!

*by Jennifer Saemann*



# the driver's seat

**MOST PEOPLE REMEMBER IT.** It's second only to the moment you have the right to put your hands on the wheel, turn the key, and drive off for the first time. It's the moment you have your own car.

"I felt like I was finally free," said **Phill Mancini**.

A car is very important in a teenager's life.

"My car is a lifesaver. I don't know what I would do without it," said junior **Holly Slavin**.

Slavin needed her car to drive home after field hockey practice because she did not have enough time to catch the activity bus.

"I use it [my car] to take me home from practice," said **Kevin Morin**. If Morin didn't drive himself home after practice he would have to take the activity bus or depend on a

ride from someone else.

Some students have to earn money to purchase their cars. They accomplish this by having a job or doing chores.

"I worked really hard to get my dream car," said senior **Jessica Torrez** about her new '98 Chevy Camaro. Torrez worked at Fines, a clothing store at Spotylvania Mall, more than two years to earn enough money to purchase her car.

Some were luckier, they received their cars from relatives or got a "family car."

"My car was free because my grandma gave it to me," said **Kelvin Jones** about his 86 Oldsmobile Cutlass Sierra.

"I drive the Explorer so much that the car is basically mine," said **Nichole Heiman**.

*by George Yin*



**Kendra Reid Hitz.** JVML 9; VML 11-12; Latin Club 9, 10, 11(sec.) 12; Latin Honor Society 10; Tennis 11; Interact Club; SNAPS 12 (co-VP); Adventure Club; Inter Club Council 12; Literary Magazine 12.

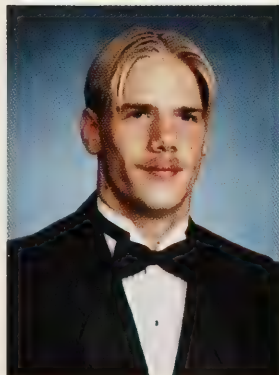
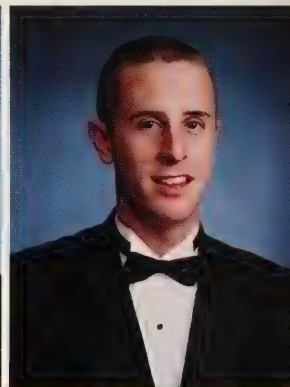
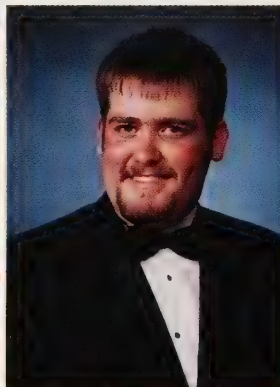
**Brian Kent Hollenberger.** Marine Biology Club; NHS

**DonnaLynn Hostetter.** FHA  
**Brandon Gene Huber.**

**Shawn Michael Jacobs**

**Kelly Marie Jensen.** Drama Club 10, 11(sec.); Latin Club 10-12(historian); Certamen 10-12; Battle of the Brains 11; German Club 12; National Art Honor Society (sec.) 12; InterActors 12; VML 11; JCL 10-11

**Jessica Louise Jordan**  
**Tiffany Dawn Joseph**





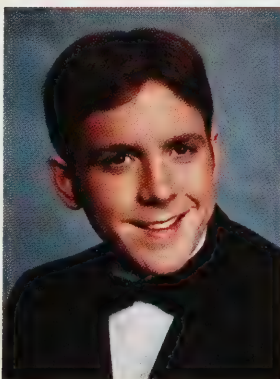
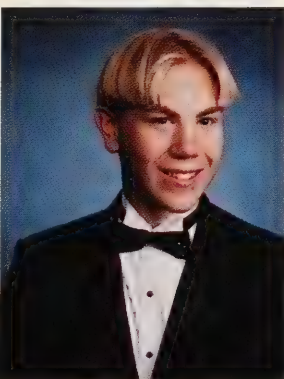


At 16 owning a car and having a driver's license is a big deal. Posing with his third car a '97 Hyundai Accent, Phill Mancini remembers his first two cars an Audi 5000 and a Chevy Lumina. *Photo Craig Goldstein.*



First cars can be expensive, exotic, plain or ordinary. While some students aren't allowed to drive an expensive car, others just make payments. Tim Fenwick's makes payments on his first car, a '96 Ford Probe GT. *Photo Craig Goldstein.*

Cars can reflect the driver's characteristics and personality. Some students decorate their vehicle to show how diverse they are. Gil Kenner's '77 Buick Electra, 'Pimpsled', is an extension of his personality. *Photo Craig Goldstein.*

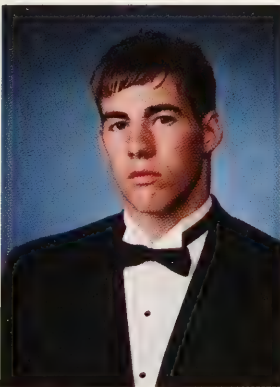


**Tranee Kimaala Knotts.** French Club 10; FBLA 10-12; Interact Club 11, 12 (President); ICC 12.

**Ian Christopher Kraynak.** Jazz Band 11, 12; Drama Club 10-12; Marching Band 12.

**Geri Dawn Larson.** Latin Club 10, 11; German Club 9; Drama Club 12; Class Board 9; Jazz Band 9-11; Marching Band 9-12 (Historian, Section leader); PepBand 9-12; Indoor Guard 9; Certamen 10; Astronomy Club 11

**Jacob Martin Lease.** French Club 10; Soccer 11, 12



**Bryan Terrnell Lewis.** Football 11; FFA 9-11  
**Ronald Cornelius Lewis**

**Erin Lindsay Maclin.** DECA 11, 12 (Board); FBLA 11, 12 (Board); SCA (Board) 10-12; Peer Mediation 9-12; Marching Band 9, 10; Gospel Choir 9-11.

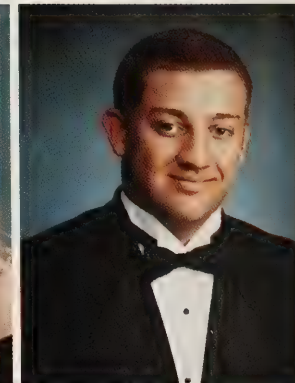
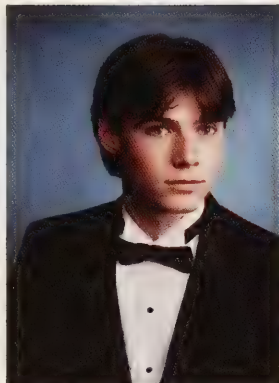
**Phillip Raymond Mancini.** Soccer 8-12 (Captain); SCA 12 (President); Spanish Club 11-12 (President); Key Club 12; Football 10; Astronomy Club 11; German Club 9.



**Erik Martin.** Soccer 9-12; Football 9,10; Science Club9,10  
**Crystal Ann Mason**  
**Ryan Alexander McDonnel.** Soccer 10-12(Captain).  
**Jason Michael Miller.** Senior Class President; Track 10-12 (Captain); Indoor Track 10-12; French Club11; FCA 11 (Recruitor);SCA 11; ICC 12;Yearbook 12; Cross Country11.



**Eugene Wilson Mills Jr.** Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band9-11; Latin Club 9-12; SNAPS 12; Astronomy Club 11; Drama Club 12.



**Janell Kathryn Muerdler.** Cheerleading 10-12; Interact Club 12; Environmental Club 12; Spanish Club9,10; Track 12.  
**Dana Marie Olsen**  
**Eric Pierce Overvold.** VICA 12

# away from hOme

TO TRAVEL TO A FOREIGN LAND can be frightening, but **Masha Petrova, David Fernandez and Sabrina Voigt** are three students who have adjusted very well.

"It was hard to adjust to language especially when people talk with different accents," said 15-year-old **Petrova** who is from Russia.

German exchange student **Sabrina Voigt** also found the language barrier difficult at first.

"It was hard to understand the language because the people talk fast and with slang," said the 18-year-old Voigt. She has studied English for seven years.

American students study the same subjects daily rather than collegiate scheduling where only two or three subjects are scheduled per day, rather than

seven. All three exchange students had collegiate scheduling in their respective home countries.

**David Fernandez**, an 18-year-old native of Colombia, finds our scheduling "monotonous."

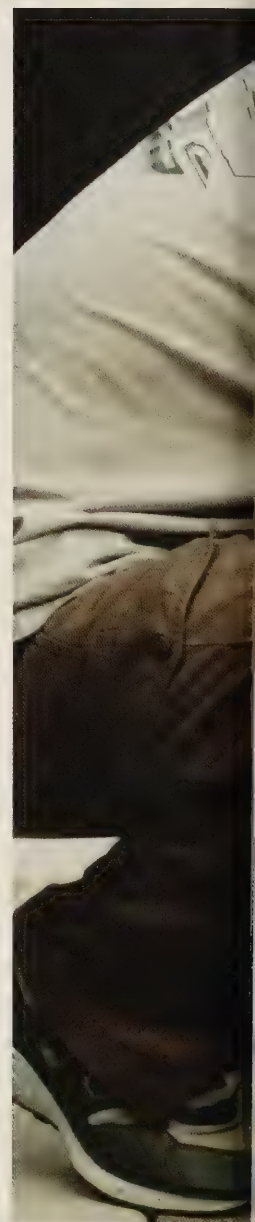
In addition to missing family members all three students admitted missing their native foods and pastimes.

David misses Arepas (a Colombian breakfast food), his computer and soccer. For Sabrina it is German chocolate, while Masha longs Russian nature and wildlife.

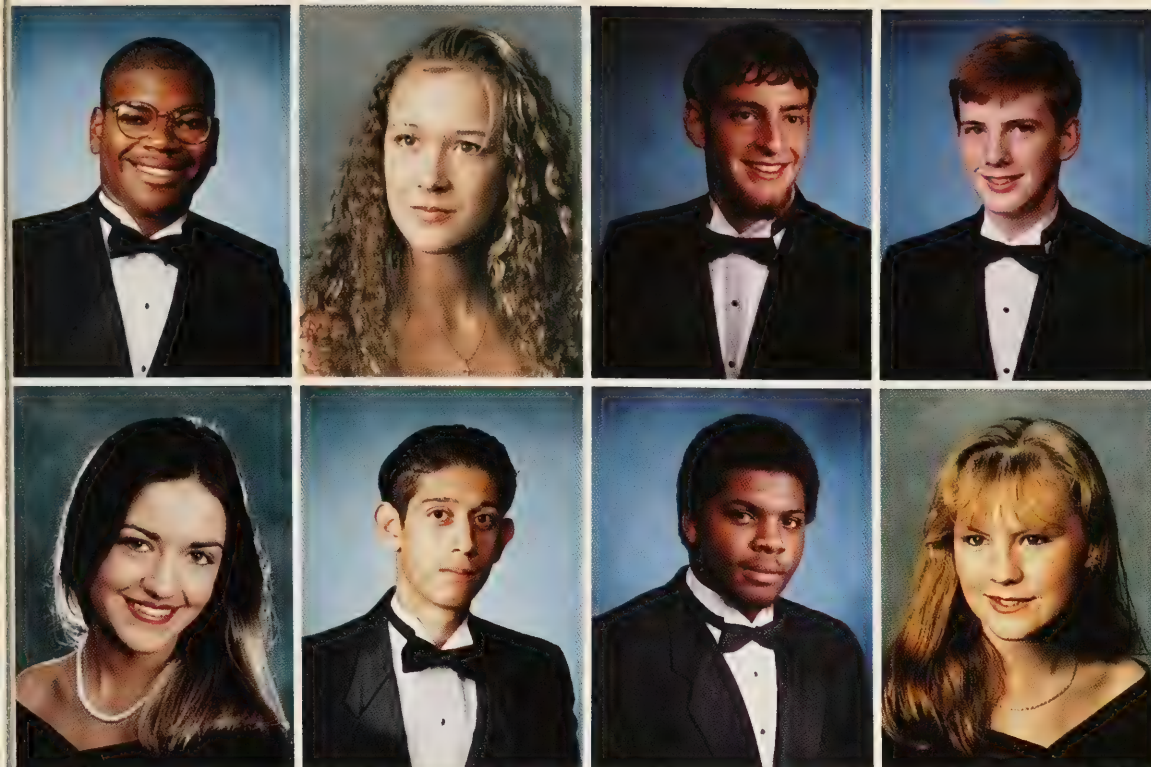
However, they weren't compelled to judge one place against the other.

"The countries are not better or worse than any other, just different," Voigt said.

*by Shannon Lally*

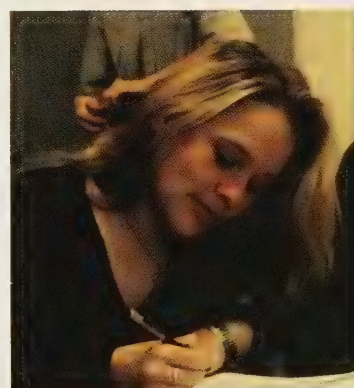






**Kristofer Keith Parris.** Basketball 10; FBLA 12; Track 12.  
**Andrea Price.** Color Guard 10-12 (Captain); Cheerleading 12; SADD 11; Astronomy Club 11; Photography Club 10; Environmental Club 9; JML 9,10; VML 11; Chorus Club 9-12.  
**Jesse Lennon Pugh.** VICA 11,12  
**Carlton Thomas Robinson**

**Amanda Cathrine Roemer.** Color Guard 9-12; Winter Guard 9,10; Yearbook 12; Literary magazine 12.  
**Santiago Rosas**  
**Carl Nathan Samuels.** Football 9,10; Track 11; VICA 11,12.  
**Heather Renee Short**



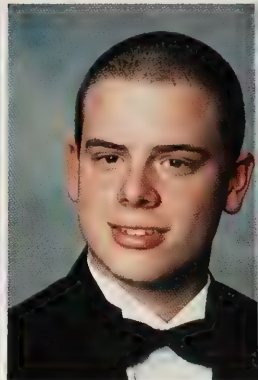
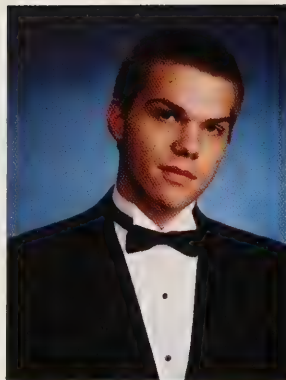
Concentrating on her work, Russian exchange student Maria Petrova works on a seventh period journalism assignment. "I try to study English more than other assignments," she said. "Because I have to speak and write it."

Following instruction, Sabrina Voigt finishes up a class assignment in Algebra II. "Math is much easier here," she said. "I was doing this material three or four years ago in Germany."

Because he is part of the school's first senior class, Colombian foreign exchange student Acosta Fernandez writes his name in the cement during senior sign day creating a last symbol of his visit.



**Phillip Raymond Sloan.** Marching Band 10-12; SCA 10,12 (Board); Jazz Band 9; Pep Band 9-12; Forensics 12 (Pres.); VHSL 12.  
**Kristina Rose Steward.** Basketball 9; Drama Club 10-12; Tennis 11; Golf 9.  
**Scott Earl Struthers.** FFA 9-11; DECA 11,12.  
**John Wilson Sturtevant.** Soccer 9-12.



**Brandie Chantell Suggs.** FBLA 9-11; Color Guard 11,12 (Captain); Indoor Guard 11,12 (Captain); Track 12; Marine Biology Club 12 (Pres.); Interact Club 12; SNAPS 12; Environmental Club 12.

**Kori Amanda Terrell.** FBLA 11,12; Drama Club 9,12; Academic Booster Club 11,12; Spanish Club 9.

**Sabrina Voigt.** German Club 12.

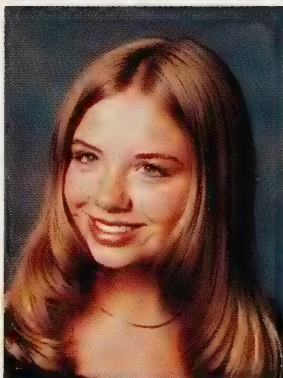
**Tamara Ann Ward.** Marching Band 9-12 (Librarian); Spanish Club 9-11; Spanish Honor Society 11; Jazz Band 11; Marine Biology Club 12; Basketball 9 (Manager); Pep Band 9,10,12; Astronomy Club 11.



**Kingsley Amos Wright.** FFA 9-12; Upward Bound 9-12; James Farmer Scholar 9-11; Science Club 9; History Club 9; Latin Club 9; Multi-cultural Club 11.

**Michelle Irene Young.** Key Club 9; Spanish Club 9-11; SWAT 11; HOSA 12.

**Alexandro Zotos.** SADD 12.



Once speech preparation was complete, SCA officer candidates delivered them over the PA system to first period classes. Phill Mancini, Nikki Cunningham, Charlie Cook, await their turn as candidate Miranda Ellis reads. *Photo by S. Woodcock*

No more shoes. At the school's first formal dance, some women chose comfort over style. A barefoot Denise Machonis and Kira Anderson dance with Jason Yencha whose shoes remain on. *Photo by Segall-Majestic*







To celebrate the end of the football season, team members partied at the home of defensive end Justin Nissley. Mike Hicks, Bobby Bradley and George Yin soak while sipping Gatorade on Saturday morning. The group ate "everything but the kitchen sink," said Nissley of the overnight event. *Photo by Justin Nissley*

Besides girls and sports, cars are a very important part of a guy's life. Ryan Westveer takes care of his light blue '85 Mustang on Sunday morning. *Photo by Justin Nissley*



# a guy/ girl thing

**At 6:30 P.M. Nick BARKSDALE** begins to get ready. He takes a shower, changes clothes and adds a little spray of cologne. By 6:50 p.m., he's ready to leave to pick up his 7:00 p.m. date.

"It takes me 20 minutes, tops," to get ready, Barksdale said.

Not so for Ashley Grant.

"It takes me at least an hour and a half to get ready before I go out on weekends," Grant said.

Both sexes agreed that dinner was the safest solution to the 'where to go problem' but couldn't reach consensus on where to eat.

Women opted for places they thought romantic, men preferred hearty.

"I'd go to Ruby Tuesday's because my girlfriend likes it and the food's good," said Randall Pierce. "But if I was just going to a restaurant, I'd go to a place like CiCi's pizza,

but it's too cheap and too casual for a date."

They didn't elect candidates from the same approach either.

Barksdale said he listened to candidate speeches and voted for the candidate whose speech he ridiculed the least.

Pierce said he voted for candidates he knew, then used the best speech as an aid to selection.

"I pay very little attention to the speeches, because anyone can put together a good speech or have one put together for them," Elita Walker said. "I talk to people who know the candidates and ask them what they've done beneficial to the school, like community service or prior experience holding an office."

There was no agreement or who was the smarter sex either.

"Women are more passive and men more aggressive in

arguments, and in most things really," said Bob Bradley. "Women want to talk and go through processes that are unnecessary. It is really annoying."

"Women being more passive is a stereotype," said Natalie Nielson.

"Men will never agree to the fact that women are as intelligent as men. Anything a man can do learning-wise, women can do," said Deanna Mrdjenovic. "Women are as intelligent [as men] if not more so."

But Jason Dugas disagreed. "Women aren't more intelligent beings," he said. "But in number there are more intelligent women."

There was however agreement on one issue.

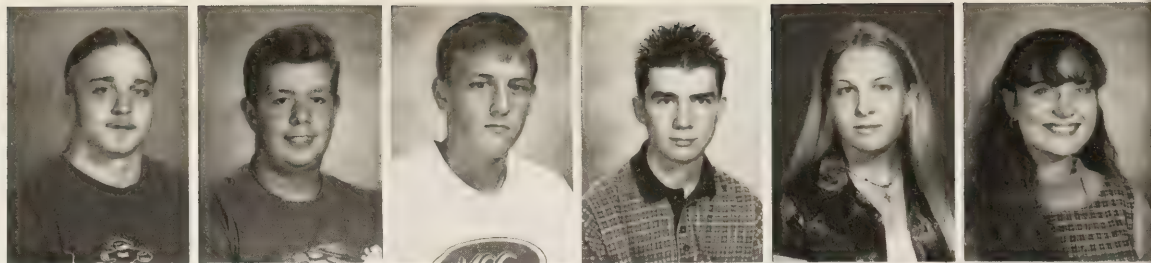
"Guys ask girls out," said Christina Deitz

"Guys ask girls out," Jonathan Eastridge agreed.

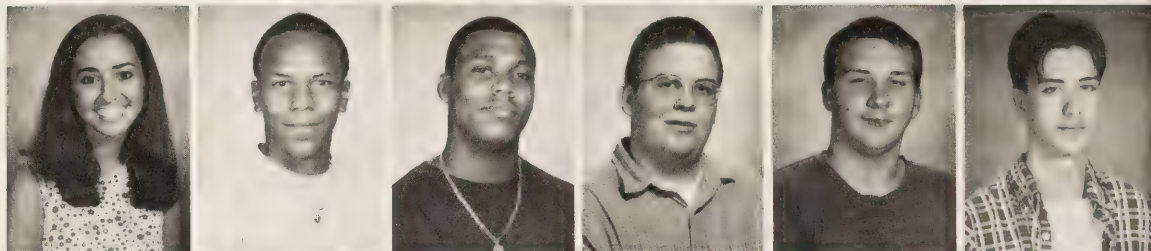
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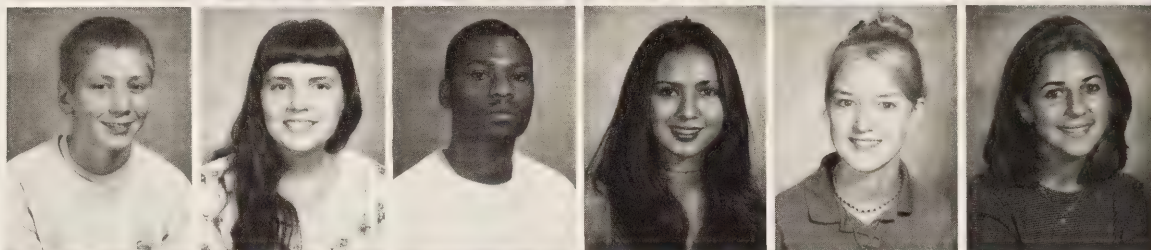
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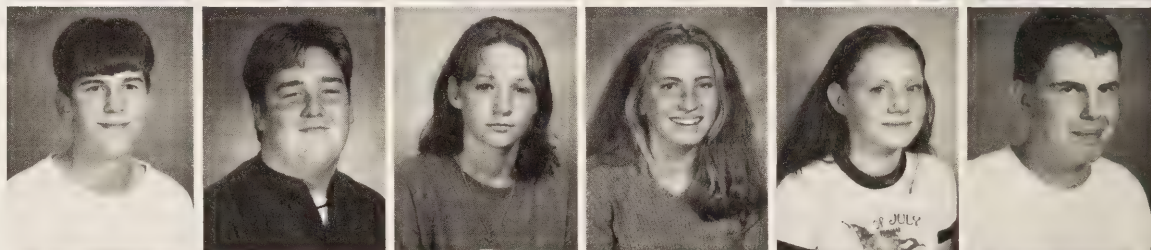
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# ring in the new school

A class ring purchase may be one of the more expensive high school memories.

Despite their rising cost, students felt they were worth the price.

"You could design it however, you wanted," said **Stephanie Rohacek**. "You can pick the color stone, a wide variety of graphics were available, and you could choose either silver or gold."

It made just my ring, reflecting my memories," she added. "I expected it to be expensive, but I found mine to be very reasonable. As long as it's not my money."

Many students bought their rings through Jostens, a company who works along with the school.

Others bought their rings through other

companies for a more original idea.

"I didn't want everyone else to have the same kind of ring as I did," said junior **Nick Thodos** about why he decided to buy his ring through another company.

Some students even thought a ring captured their high school life so well, they bought two.

"I wanted to remember my years at Courtland and Massaponax," said senior **Jan Muerdler** to explain what many might consider a duplicate purchase.

"I feel my class ring was worth the expense because it includes all of the things I accomplished throughout high school," Muerdler added.

*by Jo-Al Simmermon*



At long last. The Class of 2000 picked up rings they ordered last spring in early September. Dana Newton receives a handshake, a flower, and his ring from a Jostens sales rep. Photo by Allen Griffey.

Moving right along. During his lunch shift Brian Thompson and a classmate receive their rings. Ring prices ranged from \$69 to \$600. Photo by Allen Griffey.



# destination college

Decisions, decisions, decisions

High school presents so many and one of the most important may be what to do after high school.

Choosing a college was on the mind of students who attended the area's annual college night.

**Phill Mancini** said he's looking for a "small school, Division I soccer, and 10 minutes from the beach." Mancini believes Coastal Carolina University fulfills all of those requirements. He added he would like to be recognized in soccer.

A good performing arts program, is what **Charlie Coleman** wanted. He chose New York University.

"I like to teach kids and help them," said **Amanda Edwards** who chose Christopher Newport as her destination.

While these students had narrowed down the field, many were still hunting.

A small school with a large percentage of studies in child psychology, a swimming program, and a great place to work-out, were of interest to **Andrea Lyall**.

Still another aspect considered when

choosing a college was what the school offered in terms of financial assistance and the success rate of its graduates.

Locally Mary Washington offers many scholarships, some of which include free room and board. Their representative told attendees the school offers students "the opportunity to create your own course guide," if your area of study is not already established.

According to guidance counselor Gene Myers schools want, "the student who involves both aspects [academics and school and community involvement] into their lives. [Those students] are almost always accepted."

Many looked forward to the change.

"I'm looking forward to leaving home and Spotsylvania," Coleman said.

"I really want to start my life," said **Cary Self** of her planned departure.

*By Elita Walker and Shannon Lally*



Check it out. During October's College Night, Jan Muerdler and Krissy Somers look at a brochure. "I'm looking for a college that has my major and cheerleading," said Muerdler. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.

Getting to know them. With more than 50 schools represented Marie Brown and Melissa McDonald took the opportunity to pick up lots of literature. The annual event, held at Spotsylvania Mall, is attended by students throughout the region. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.







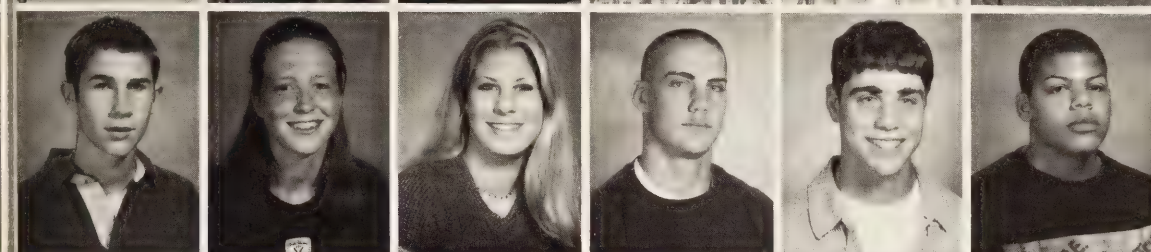
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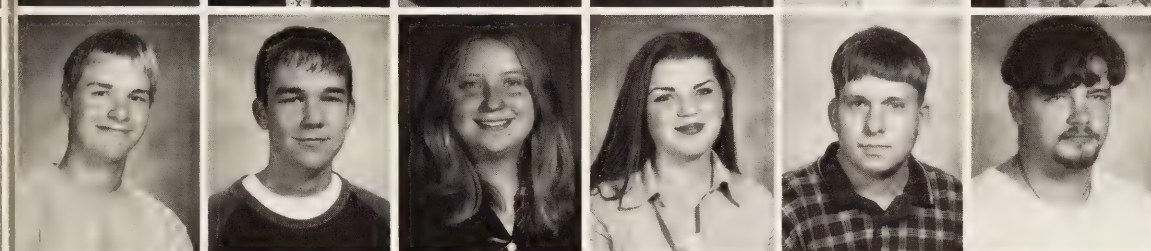
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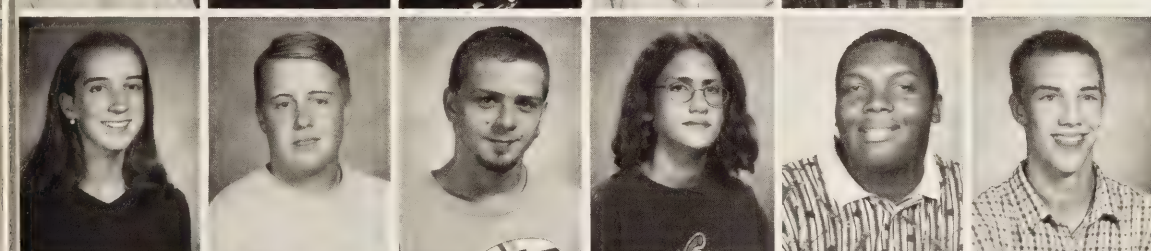
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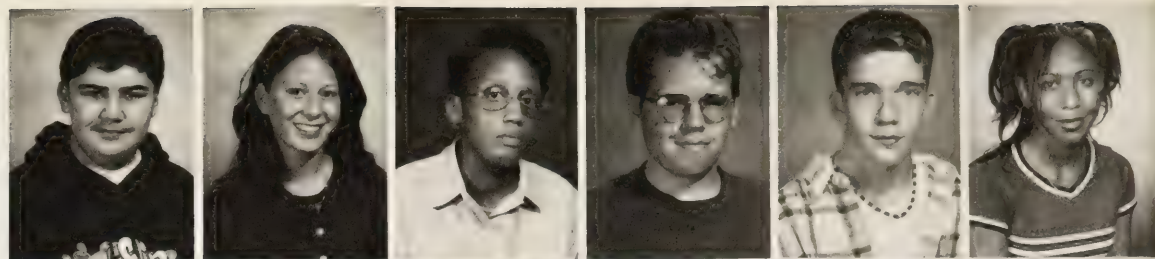
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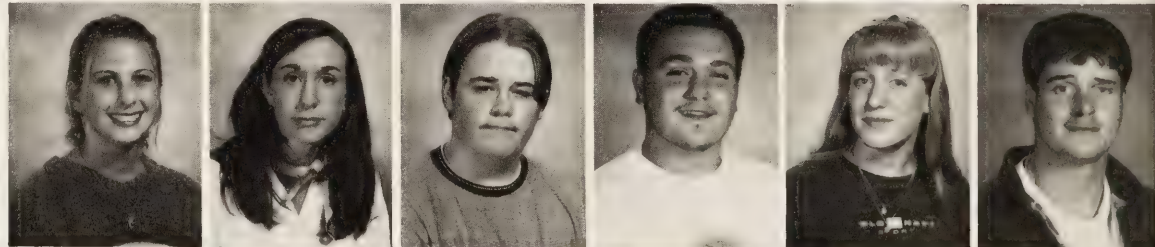
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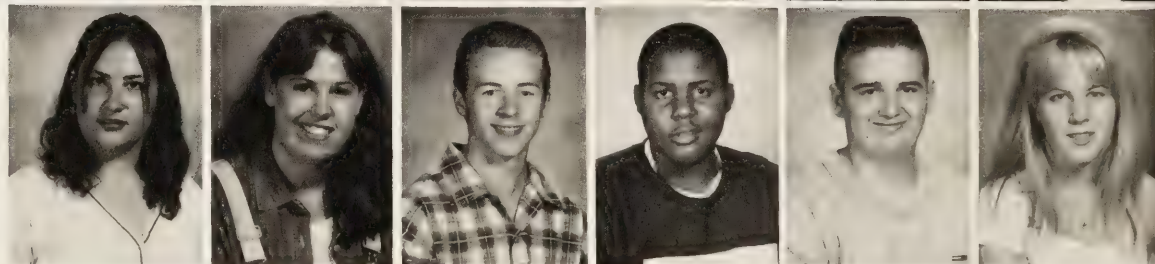
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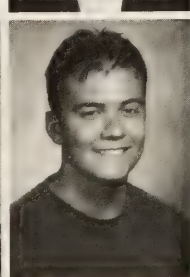
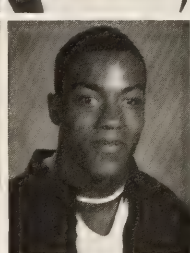
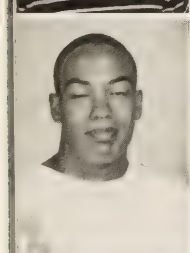
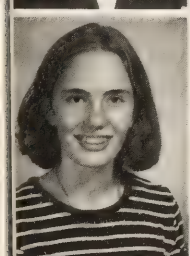
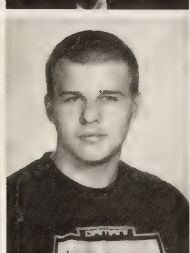
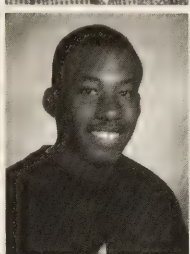
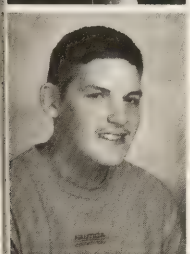
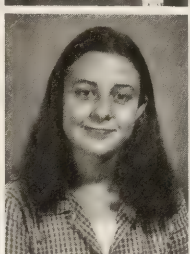
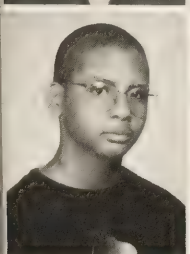
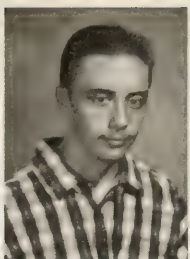
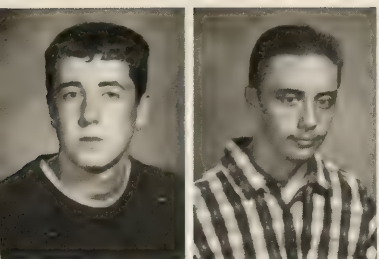
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# the gridiron gals

Varsity football managers were quite different this season, they were both female.

Head manager was junior **Adrienne Ward**, and sophomore **Allyson Williams-Mele** was her assistant.

"I am an assistant equipment manager and student trainer," said **Allyson Williams-Mele**, listing her duties.

The manager's work was composed of preparing the team for games, dishing out water to thirsty players, and wrapping any injuries that occurred. But just saying that does not do a manager's work justice.

"They do all the work behind the scenes. They spend about two hours before each game getting us ready," said **Rick Dougherty**.

The two girls had no problem fitting

into the all-male team.

"We respect them – because they give us water," said **George Yin**.

"We just love [the managers]," **Dougherty** added.

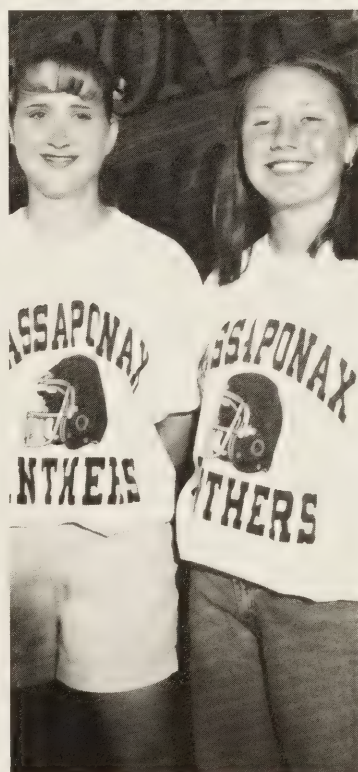
Overall, the team was very appreciative of all the managers did for them. Many players said the managers were the team's unsung heroes.

"We joke around all of the time, but some of them only talk to me when they need something," said **Williams-Mele**.

The managers appreciated the player's efforts. Because they too attended every practice, they knew the effort the players made on a daily basis.

"They play hard," **Williams-Mele** added.

*By Matt Smith*

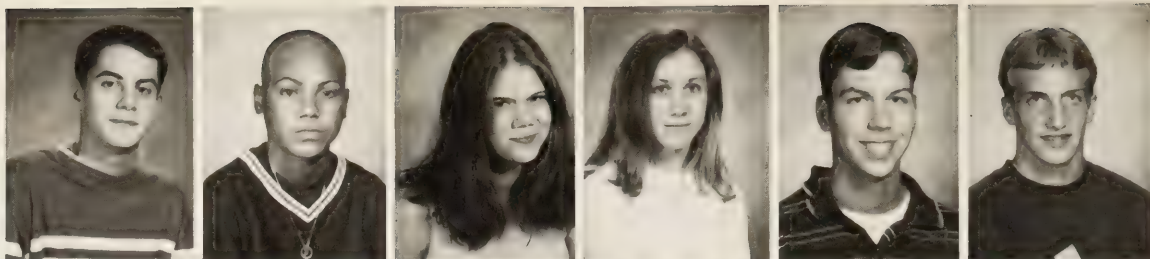


Like this. Watching as the team prepares to make a down, assistant manager Allyson Williams-Mele shows her game face. *Photo by Gurbada*

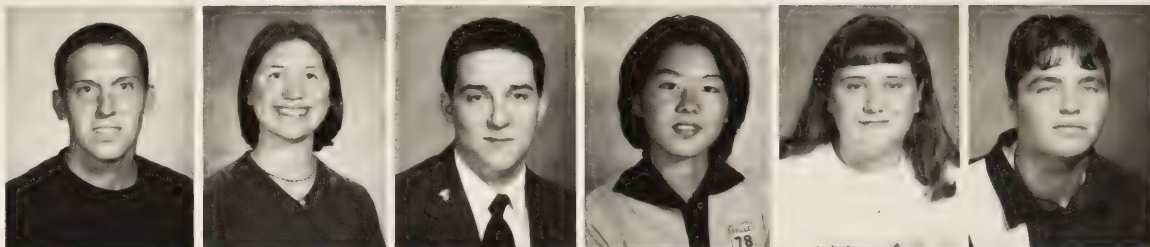
Working hard for no money. Adrienne Ward and Assistant Allyson Williams-Mele volunteer efforts at least got them a chance to have their picture snapped during the fall team picture shoot. *Photo by Gurbada*



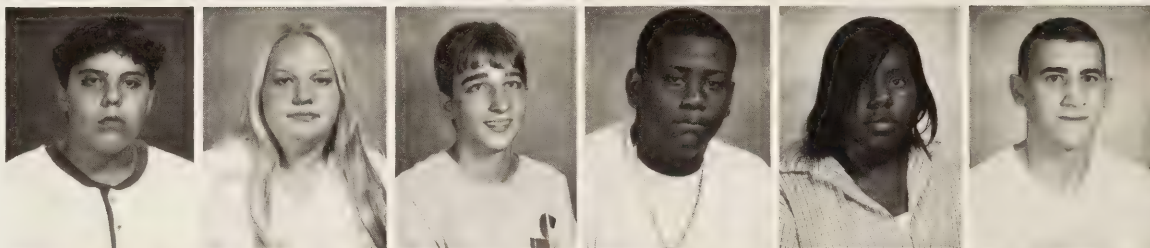
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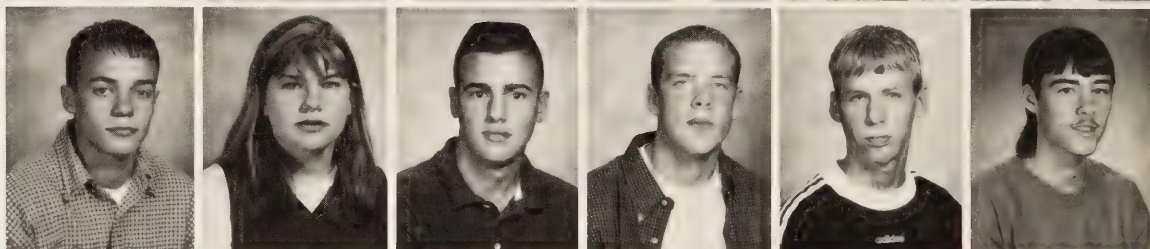
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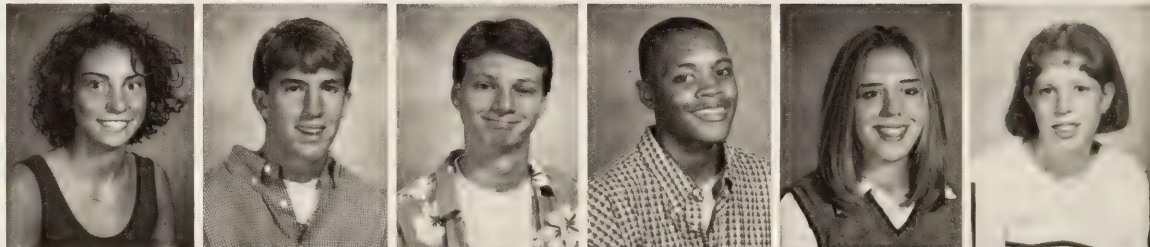
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# clothes encounters

Appearance remained important. Appearing more than ever this year were clothes bearing the Old Navy and American Eagle store logos.

The two stores were new to the immediate area, opening last spring and fall.

Before the local branches opened, students traveled to the chains Northern Virginia stores.

"I would go up north and to Virginia Beach at least once or twice a month," said **Elita Walker**.

Price was a bigger issue then quality when it came to trendy clothing.

"I don't think I should spend more than twenty dollars on a T-shirt just because it's got someone's name on the label. I think people should wear what they like because it looks good, not because ev-

eryone else is," said **Stevi Antosh**.

Last year the two labels were scarce, but this year they were in evidence everyday. So much that some students stopped shopping at the chains.

"[It bothers me] sort of, because I used to wear it, but when everyone has the same clothes as you the individualism is gone," **Melissa McDonald** said.

Along with clothing bearing the log of these highly popular stores, other logs were much in evidence-- Nautica, Structure, Pure Playaz, Fubu, and flared jeans were a few of the really popular.

"I think everyone should dress the way they want," said **Tim Finwick** who admitted that he was not too concerned about current styles.

*by Olivia Johnson*



**New looks.** The opening of a local Old Navy store caused the brand to become very popular very fast. Whitney Clark wears a fleece bearing the store logo. The look was a popular choice among students. *Photo by Amy Hamblet.*



**In style.** This year more than ever the American Eagle logo was popular. The chain also opened a local store in '98. Linsday Fuoco, Audra Rojek, and Whitney Clark chat after lunch, each wearing a favored student logo. *Photo by Amy Hamblet.*



# lasting celebrations -sixteen

The-big-one-six!

A memorable day for some filled with bliss, for others a day filled with embarrassment, bruises, longing, and fun.

"My friends completely embarrassed me by singing during lunch. Everybody stared," said **Emily Hamblet** who added her friends made up for embarrassing her with gifts and a party. "So overall, I had fun," she said.

Some people got bruises as presents for their birthdays, minus the bows and paper.

"I got a birthday beat down twice from both of my soccer teams. I bruised pretty badly," said **Rebecca Richards**.

"My friend Sidney Brice was waiting for

me in the hall after school on my birthday [Dec 9]," said **Letitia Bowler**.

He was walking toward me slowly telling me he had to give me my present. He grabbed my arm and told me it wasn't going to hurt, then he punched me 16 times, but not hard enough to bruise."

On his birthday, instead of receiving bruises, **Trevor Walsh** gave them away.

"I hit a friend of mine with an air hockey puck. It was an accident! We were playing a game," Walsh said.

Birthdays bring about wishes some that come true and some that don't.

"I wished for a car but it didn't come on my birthday," said Marc Smith. His wish was a popular one shared by Kevin

Thacker.

"I wished for an M-3, a BMW," said Thacker. "I was hoping I was going to get it right after my family won the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. But my family never sent in the envelope." In February, Thacker was still waiting for "any car," he said.

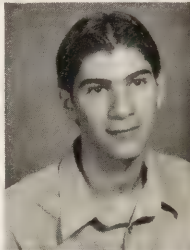
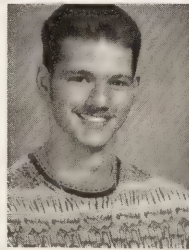
"I got a car, but not the one wished for," said Eric Myers who turned 16 on Jan. 6. "I got the third family car, a '94 Civic that was my brother's. If I had gotten my wish I would have gotten a black BMW 323."

*By Elita Walker*

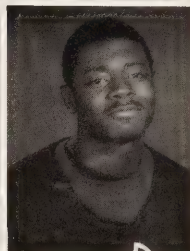
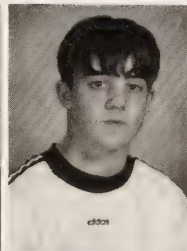
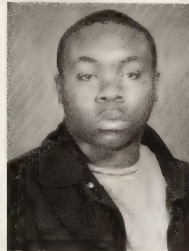
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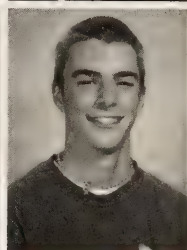
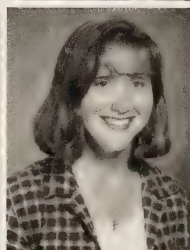
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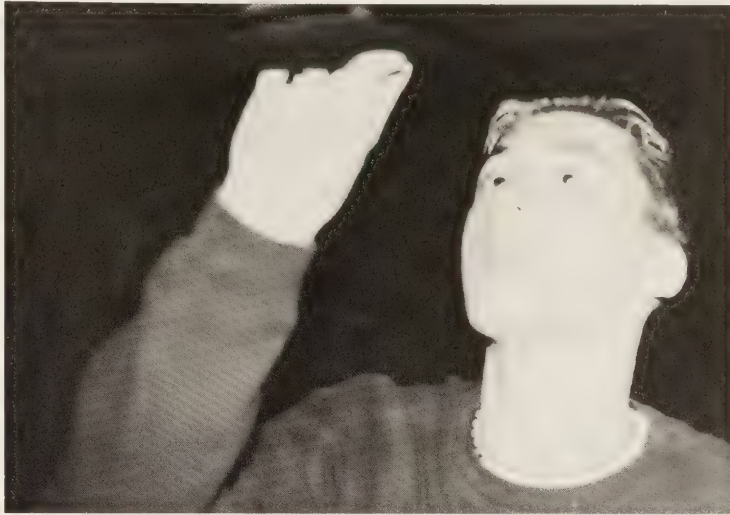
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Sweet 16. On Oct. 21, Tia Blake walks home carrying one of her birthday gifts, balloons and six red roses sent by her Dad. "Look what my Dad bought me for my birthday," Blake said when the surprise gift was delivered at lunch. *Photo by Justin Blake.*

What a ride. Exploring the interior of his rented limo, J.P. Yurgel gets familiar with his birthday gift. He was driven to and from school and spent the afternoon riding around with friends. "I mostly expected it," Yurgel said of the gift, "since my sister got one. *Photo by Colt Hagmier.*



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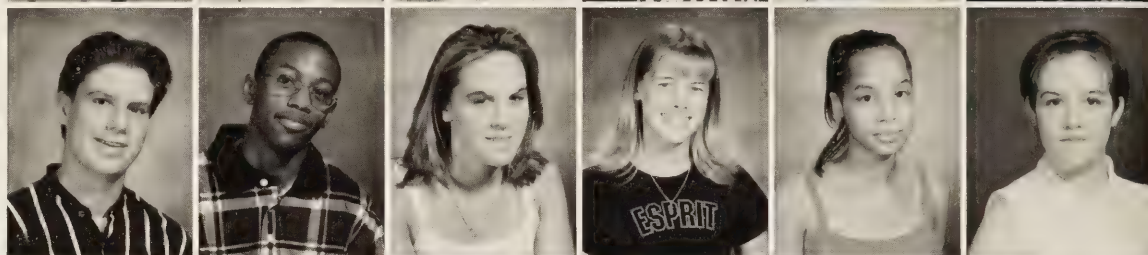
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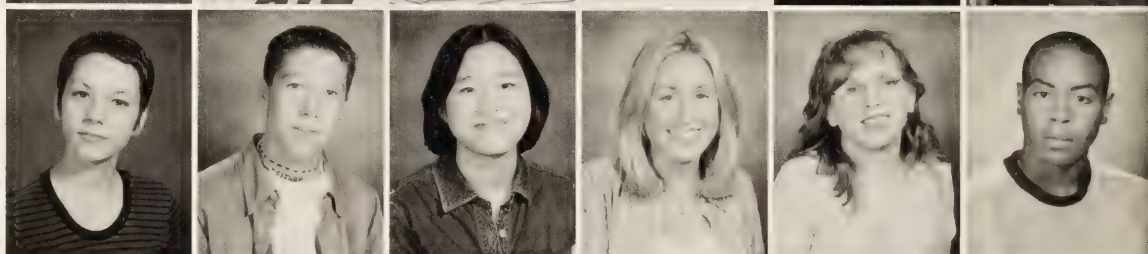
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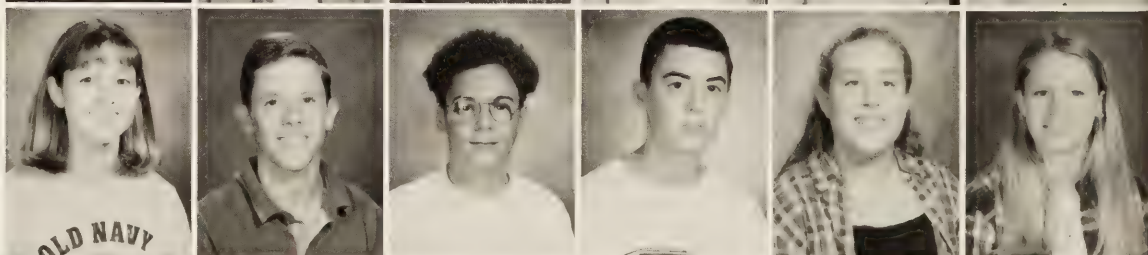
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Getting up early on a Saturday is a task for junior, Christie Fleming, but she does to earn money as a cashier at Target in Central Park. Fleming quickly rings customers through as more gather in line. *Photo by Sarah Bryant*

Danny Berry works as a cashier at the Lee's Hill Food Lion. Berry has been working at Food Lion for five months and still enjoys his job. *Photo by Nick Barksdale*



## workin' hard for the money

For some students, getting a summer job is the only way to pass time or to pay their expenses. Be it saving up, or just wanting money to spend, getting a job is the best way to do it.

"I got my job to start saving up for a car," said **Ashly Bell**, a freshman. Bell's first job was as a swimming instructor at the YMCA.

"The job you have is only as good as the people you work around and with," says junior **Matt Smith**.

Co-workers can make a day of work fun or make it bad. A co-worker may ruin your day or an extremely nice customer may make your day.

"I like my job because of all the hot women I got to meet," said **Devin Wright**, a junior said. Wright worked at King's Dominion over the summer.

Earnings also make a job more or less desirable. Fast food restaurants tend to

offer just above minimum wage, \$5.25, while jobs in selling goods such as clothes or groceries offer well above the minimum.

"The pay was terrible," said junior **Elita Walker**, "but it was a fun job." Walker worked as a scorekeeper for Spotsylvania parks and Rec. making only \$5.15 an hour.

The length of time you keep a job also affects how much you like it. You continuously meet new people and can advance to a higher position for more privileges and pay.

Walker has had her job for three years, Wright has kept his for two summers, while Bell kept her job for a month and a half.

"A job may be hard for some but good experience for life and supplies you with the ever powerful dollar," said **Dick Eby**.

*by Nick Barksdale*



Sharing freinds can be fun for a twin but some-  
times it's hard. Shannon and Christen Duchemin  
walk out together during a fire drill, while  
talking to their friends Nichole Heiman and  
Melissia McDonald. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*

Sticking together. Some twins stay together all  
the time and are best friends. Josh and Ben Cox  
sit together while riding to school on the bus.  
*Photo by Colt Hagmeier*



## doing a double take

Have you ever thought about being a twin? We have six sets of twins attending our high school. There are two sets of twins in the ninth grade, two sets in the tenth grade, and two sets in the eleventh grade.

"I would like to be a twin," said Jo-Al Simmerman, a non-twin, "because it would be interesting and fun to have someone to look almost exactly like you."

Being a twin might seem fun to her, but the reality is quite different.

"It's hard sometimes because people call you the wrong names and get you mixed up a lot," said Dewayne Pinkney.

Twin relationships are different than just being siblings, especially if you are of

the same sex. There fights over, what's yours and what's mine, who is going to take the car out this weekend, sharing clothes and sharing a birthday.

"The only thing I think is aggravating about being a twin is that we look exactly a like," said Shannon Duchemin. "I mean, if one of our boyfriends thinks that we look good, they think our sister does too."

Even with all of the disadvantages, there is a closeness that non-twins don't understand.

"The best thing about having Shannon as my twin is that there is always someone there to talk to," said Christen Duchemin. "We are best friends."

*by Allison Sapp*







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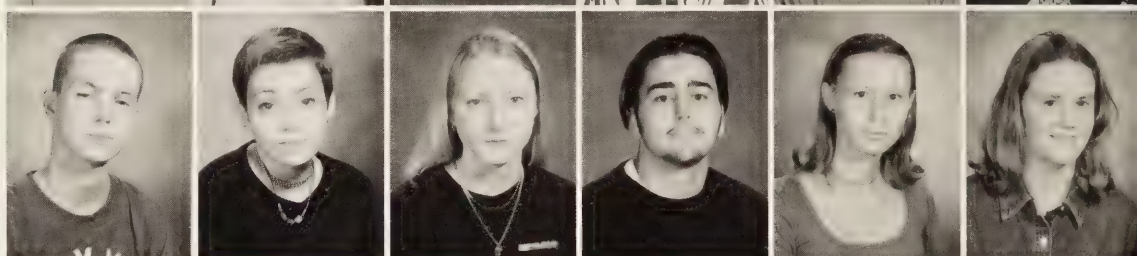
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Waiting for their ride after school, good friends Amanda Antosh and Ashley Greer hang out in the junior parking lot. "Having my last name start with 'A' is great," Antosh said. "I get to be the first on the roll and I never have to wait for things." *Photo by Allen Griffey.*

On the day before Halloween, students Jennifer Klarman and Jenni Ziegler enjoy candy. "When I was little, I hated being a 'Z', because I wanted to go first. Now I'm glad I don't have to go first," Ziegler said. *Photo by S. Woodcock*



## forever first or always last

**Ackley, Adams, Ziegler, Zotos.** Have you ever wondered what it would be like if your last name started with the letter Z? Or how bout A? And what if it already does?

The majority of people have last names that start with one of the middle letters of the alphabet. They go to each of their classes where they are somewhere in the middle of the roll and think nothing of it. However for people on the ends of the rolls, life here at school is slightly different.

In a great number of classes around the school, students are seated alphabetically by last name. Therefore the Z's are usually in the back and like wise the A's are in the front.

"Most of the time I'm in the back. I don't like it because the teachers always keep an eye on the back of the class so you can't goof off," said freshman **Carolyn Zidek**, who spends most of her day in the back of classrooms

So how well do these students like

their placement by last name? Some students like the fact that their name is first or last because it makes them feel unique. But would they ever want to change it?

Sophomore **Jenni Ziegler** is the last person on the roll in all seven of her classes.

"You get to be the last one to turn things in and give presentations and that's always good," Ziegler said.

Some students might even wish their last name were in the middle somewhere, instead of always being on the ends. However, senior class member **Josh Adams** does not.

"I like the beginning, like a leader," Adams said, "I like to be first."

Most people are content with being either first or last all the time. For most students, they claim it just doesn't bother them.

"I like my name, it's a part of my heritage," responded junior **Stevi Antosh**.

*by Randall Pierce*



# things that make you go...

Seventh period, exam day, you studied hard you feel good, all you need is a little peace and quiet... 'tap, tap, tap, pop, smack.' At this point all you can do is quietly endure because you can't strangle the perpetrator of your pet peeve.

Students pet peeves vary. Some students are bothered by simple things and things they can't stop people from doing.

"It bugs me when people crack their knuckles really loud when everyone else in the class is silent," said sophomore **Ashley Cole**.

"When someone chews with their mouth open or talks with food in their mouth. It's so disgusting," said sophomore **Grace Santiago**.

Others are bother by people always in the way.

"I can't stand it when people stand in

the middle of the hallway during class change. They just stand there and talk , they don't move when you ask. They're are always standing in the busiest hallway too," said **Marina Merkouris**.

Junior **Olivia Johnson** finds herself being yelled at for being the culprit of other's pet peeves.

"The fact that I twirl my hair is a pet peeve to some people, they think it looks ditz and I get yelled at all the time," she said.

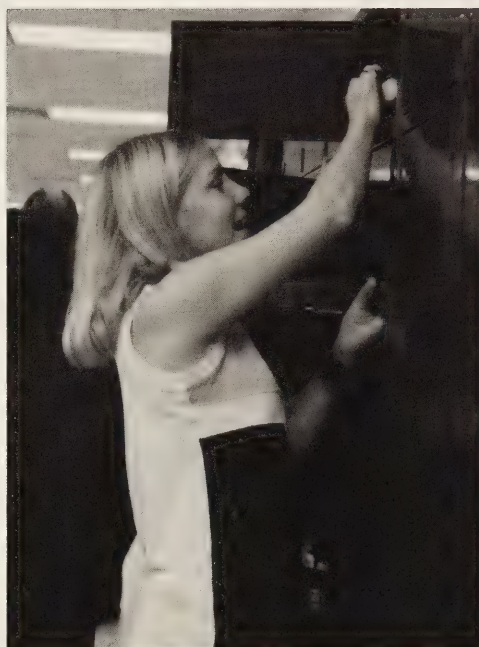
Sophomore **Cindy Morris** doesn't like to say anything to the person doing her pet peeve.

However, **Randall Pierce** first tells the person he's getting annoyed."After that is they are still doing it I kick them out."

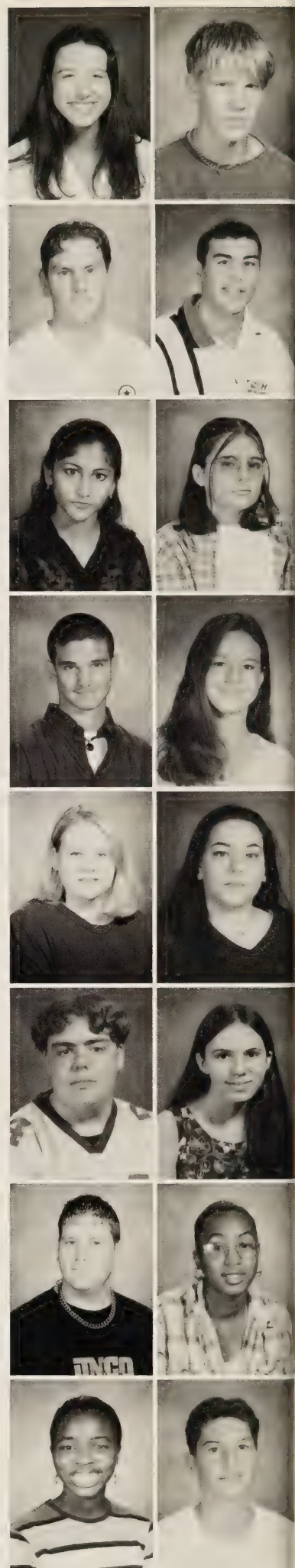
by Jenn Ziegler



Many students hate riding the bus. It forces them to get up earlier and then they have to endure long trips, and arrive at school early in the morning. Photo by Nick Barksdale.



Being short can be tough. Before first period, Carolyn Zidek has to step into her locker and hold on to the top to get books out. Photo by Kaya Wilson.







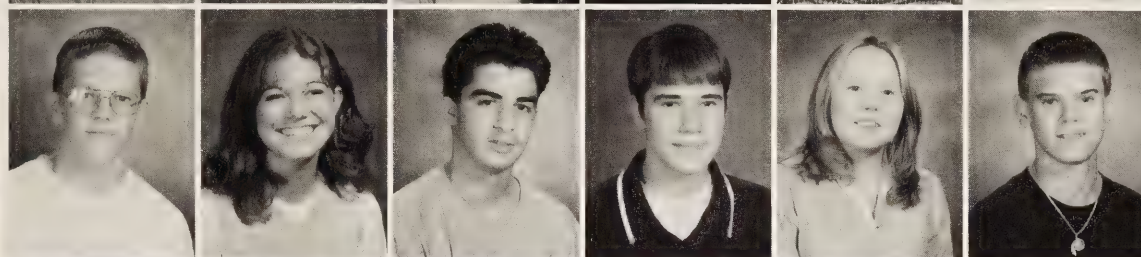
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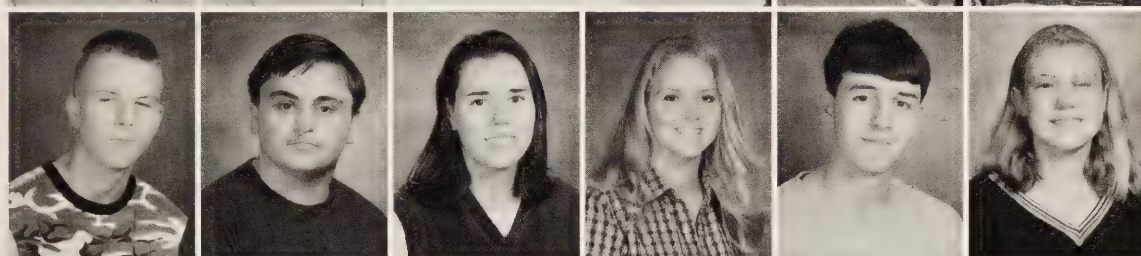
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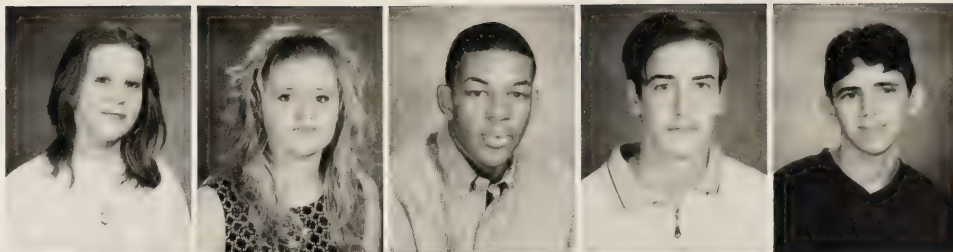
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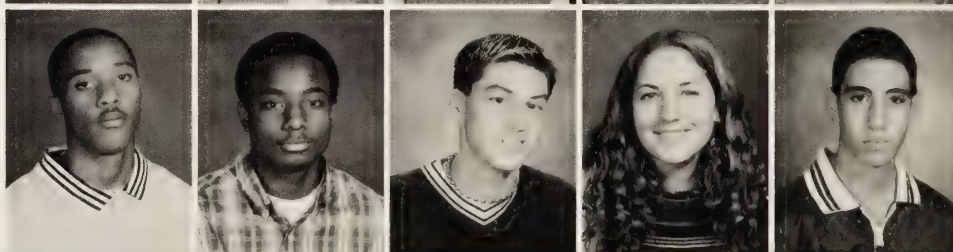
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All set with Panther Pride, the Marching Band looks on with anxious eyes as the football team completes another terrific play.

Many students showed their spirit on twin day. Friends decided to dress up the same to see how close they could come to looking identical. Here Cliff Campbell, Kelvin Jones, Devin Wright, and Phill Mancini support twin day.



Colorguards get set for a halftime show on the road at Spotsylvania High. Smiling proud, Mandy Edwards, Amy Roemer and Brandy Suggs show their great personalities and their pride for their school.

## when the spirit moves you

Marching bands, cheerleaders, face paint and dyed hair. School spirit was cranked up high and in fact seemed contagious.

"Part of the reason why everyone has so much school spirit is because this is the first year this school has been open, and most of the students are just real excited about that," said **Nikki Cunningham**.

Though the football team never had a home game here at Massaponax, students didn't let that stop them from showing their support. They took their spirit with them to other schools.

"I like to think of it this way," said **Carolina Buchanan**, "if I bring my spirit with me to other schools, the other team will see this and if I'm successful they're kinda be frightened."

Spirit is shown in many ways, but for **Charles Cook** there's only one way.

"I feel the best way to show your sup-

port to a team is to go all out and dress up wearing your school colors," he said. "That's why I do it whenever I can on game day."

Sometimes students found it hard starting all over and cheering against their former school.

"Of course it's hard," said **K.C. Cowsert**, "I mean I spent the first two years of high school cheering for Courtland and now I must start cheering for Massaponax."

"Then I think to myself though, it's not that big a deal so I just stop worrying about it and just give my all for Massaponax," she said.

But the feeling weren't the same for everyone.

"Sure I go to all the football games and cheer for my new team but I feel deep down inside I'm still a Cougar," said **Andrew Shin**.

by Devin Wright



# the yearly invasion

They invade every high school each fall -- the freshman.

"I came from Faith Baptist School. [The work] is not harder because my during my last year at Faith I was doing advance study," said **Amanda Stone**.

I like it here. I like how teachers let you speak your mind on lessons. It is fun because of the things that we have such as clubs and sports," Stone added.

One of the changes freshmen endured was the size difference.

"It was bigger than my last school and there's more people," said **Matthew Chakwin**, who last year attended Montfort Academy, a former private school in downtown Fredericksburg.

"It was fairly easy to make new friends,

the kids were nice," said **Emily Sheckels**, who also attended Montfort Academy last year.

Another change was coming from a different area.

"Middle school prepared me for high school," said **Rachel Collins** who had recently moved from Texas.

"There's more variety of people, people that fit my style," stated **Caroline Guelig** who moved here this summer from North Stafford.

For many freshmen, high school was something they looked forward to. "You have more freedom," said **Lindsay Fuoco**.

*by Sarah Moran and Maria Petrova*



**Killing time.** Once finished with lunch, students Kevin Canary and James Bragg chat while waiting for the dismissal bell for sixth period. *Photo by Tiffany Williams.*

**Staying in touch.** Pausing between classes, Sarah Newton and Candice Price take time to chat and catch up on their day talk fourth period on Monday, October 19. *Photo by Tiffany Williams.*







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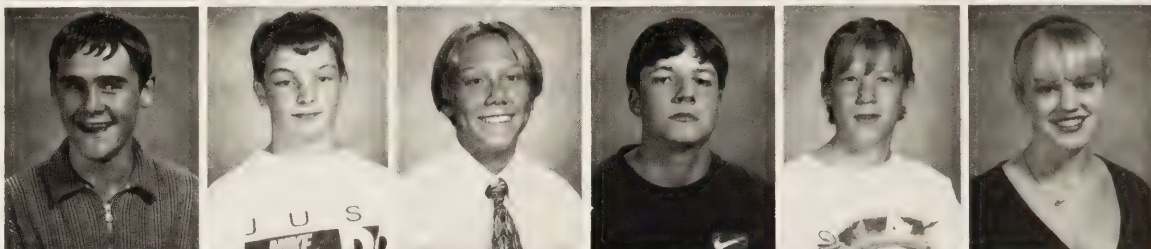
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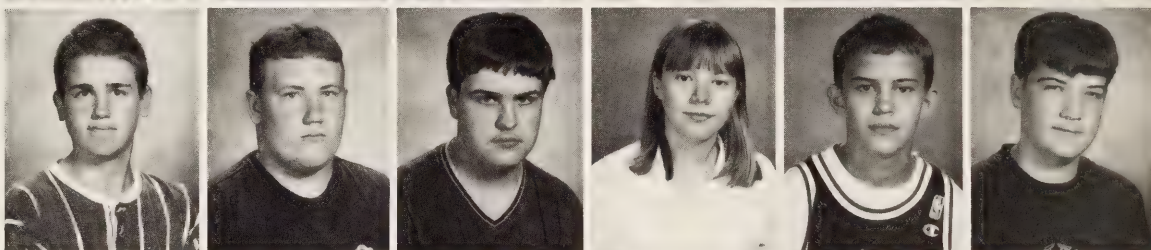
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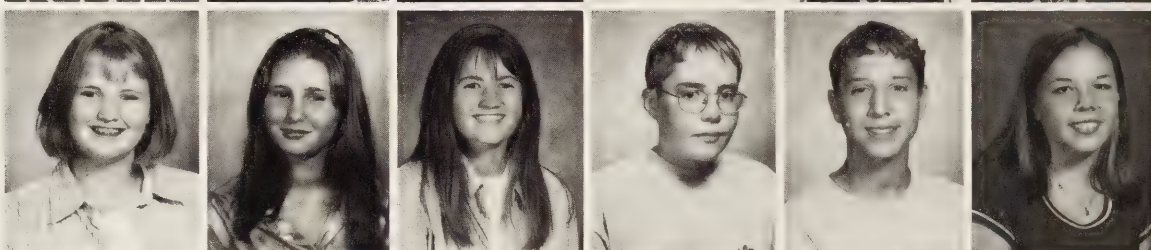
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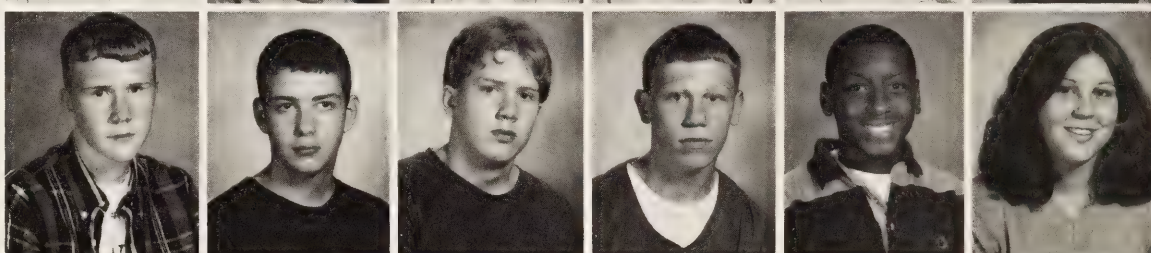
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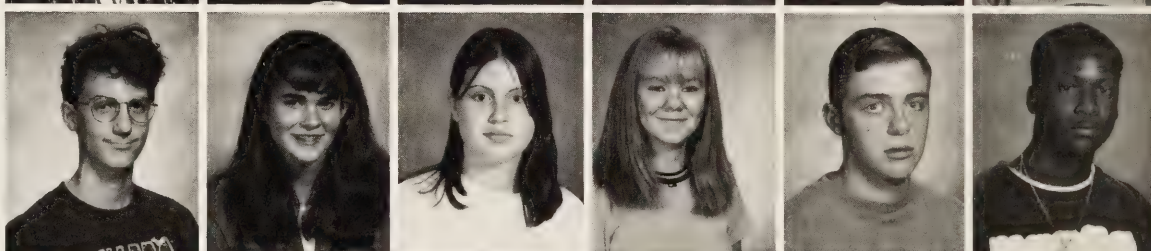
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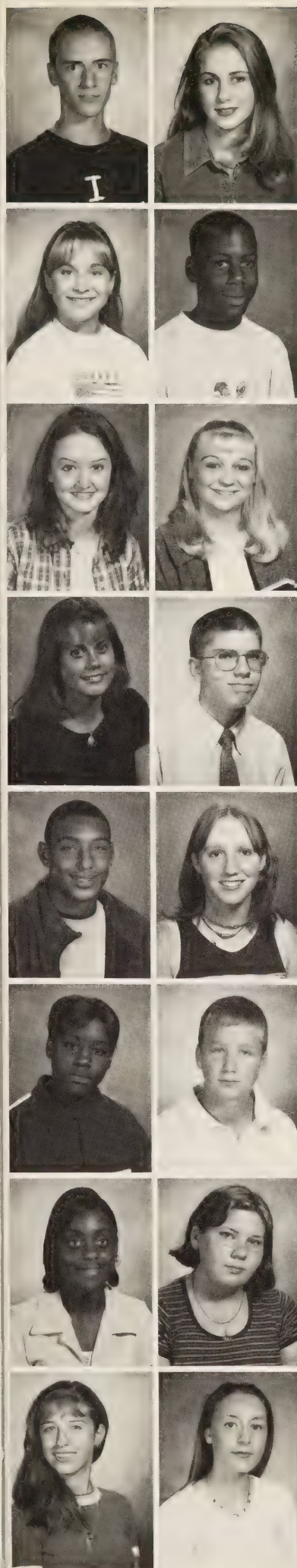
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# gridiron role reversal

"Powder puff was the best," said freshman team member **Brittany Lutz**.

"It was my first school involved activity since I started high school. It was exciting with all the music playing, Allyson and Shana making touchdowns, and tackling people," she added. "I got a penalty [the only penalty of the game]. I said sorry to the girl that I hit, I felt real bad. We beat the sophomores and put up a hard fight against the juniors. Go Freshmen," ended Lutz.

"Well, before the game we were all pumped up and ready to go," added freshman running back **Shana Romano**. "We beat the sophomores 12-6. The two touchdowns were made by me and **Allyson Burns**. We lost to the juniors and two of our teammates went to the hospital, me and **Jessica Mills**," she continued. "But over all we came in second place and we did beat the seniors. 'Freshman eat raw meat'."

"I think that the powder puff football game was a fun experience. We beat the seniors," said sophomore **Mary Yancey** of her class victory.

"Even though the seniors lost, we still had a lot of fun," said **Amanda Edwards**.

The seniors lost in a hard battle against the juniors and then suffered another hard loss to the sophomores.

The juniors had an amazing night, first beating the seniors and then the freshmen.

"Powder puff was fun but I got hurt when **Caroline Givens** and I collided," said **Elita Walker**. "Powder puff is rougher than most people think. We are not supposed to tackle, but we do anyway. The junior class is strong...[we] were champions this year and we'll win again next year," added Walker.

by *Kyaira Skinner*



Taking full advantage of their night, 'cheerleaders' perform a pep dance during the Powder Puff football game. The game was held the night before the school's first formal dance. Twelve guys dressed for the event. Photo by *Craig Goldstein*.

Just before their match against the juniors, senior Amanda Edwards shouts some instructions to her teammates on the sideline. The seniors lost the match to the juniors and later lost to the sophomores. Photo by *Craig Goldstein*.



# monday mornings

For two days the alarm didn't ring, there was no school work, and bedtime was at least two hours later.

Then it was Monday morning, the 'sweet sound' of the alarm was once more heard before dawn.

"Mondays are mostly a hassle because after the weekend you have to face school, when all you really want to do is stay in bed," said **Mary Flanigen**.

"Monday's are nothing but a hassle, when you've been relaxing all weekend, you have to stop and start working again," **Shannon Voss** agreed.

"I need my fun time, and it's hard for me to stay focused on Mondays," added **Megan Yoder**.

Teachers said they tried to even out the class workload whether it was Monday or Friday.

Students couldn't agree on when they preferred to be tested.

"I wouldn't mind if they were harder on us in the beginning of the week so we could relax at the end," Flanigen said.

But **Aria Jones** disliked tests and quizzes the first day of her school week.

"I'd rather have free time on weekends instead of studying," Jones said.

"Half the things that teacher assign are due on Monday and I don't do my homework on the weekends sometimes," said **Letitia Bowler**.

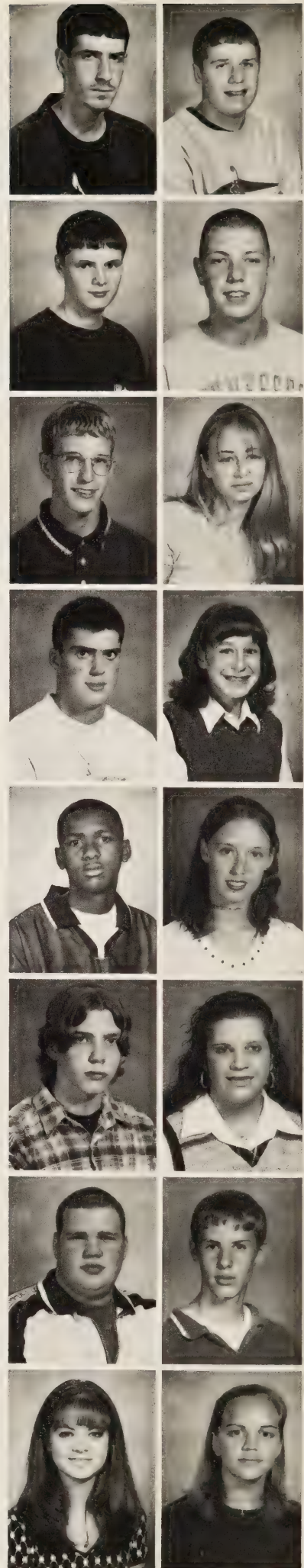
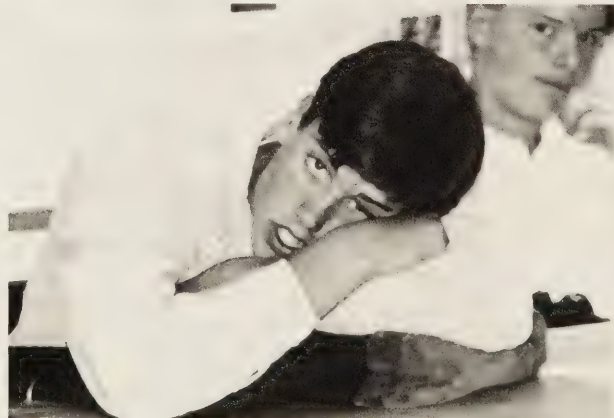
"So I'll end up either bringing it [the assignment] in late or staying up late on Sunday trying to get it done. Then I get up late on Monday and miss the bus and come to school late with my sister. Then I'm tired all day and have to go to work at four," she continued. "I'd like a four-day weekend or no assignments due on Monday."

by Jessica McDonald



Further instruction. Prior to the beginning of Monday class Kerri White discusses an assignment with her Advanced English 10 instructor Mrs. Ivan. In addition to taking advanced classes White also spent two periods a day at the Governor's School. Photo by James Blackburn.

Cat Nap. Finding it hard to get going on Monday morning, James Blackburn rests while awaiting the second period bell. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.







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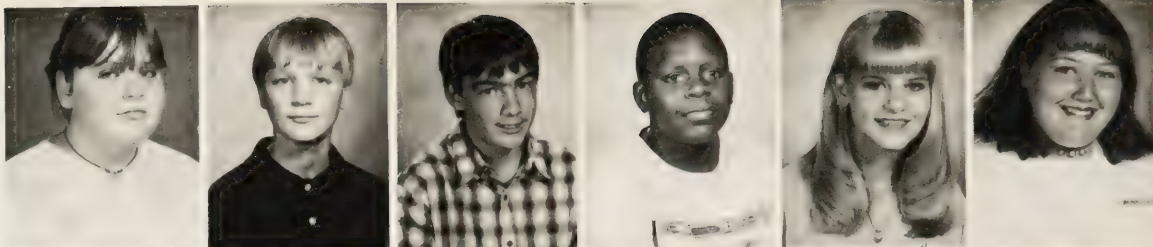
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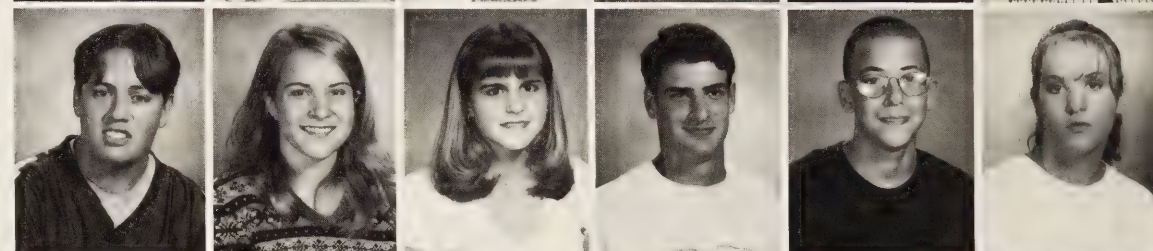
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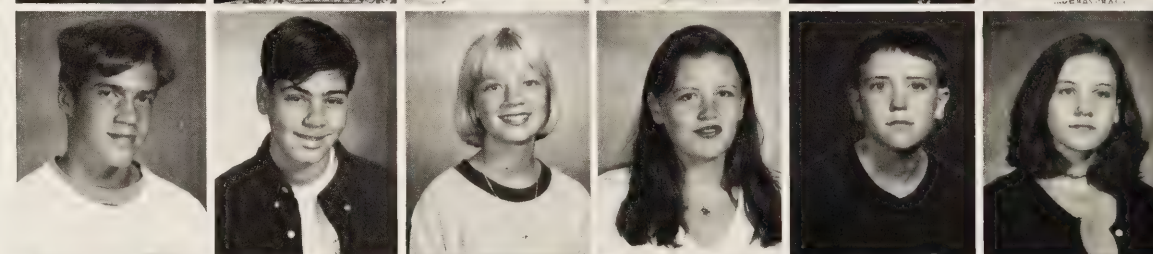
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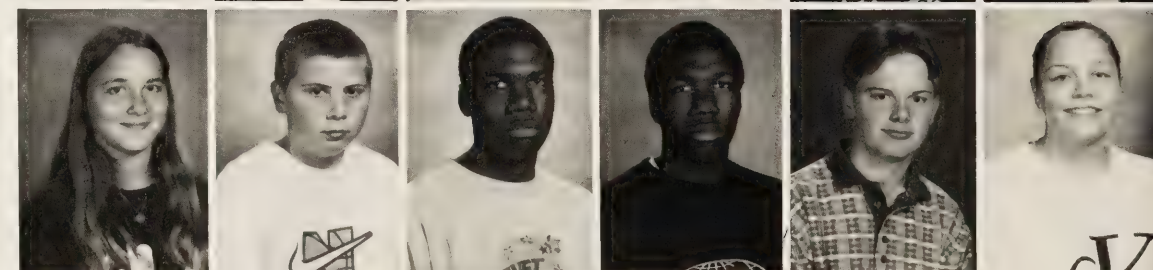
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# one and only but *not lonely*

Being an only child allowed freedoms or provided loneliness, left some carefree and others wishing for company.

"As an only child, I can say that I'm spoiled. I get just about everything I ask for," said **Michael Toner** identifying one of the bright sides of being sibling-less.

"You don't have to worry about brothers and sisters bothering you," said **Shannon Lally** listing another advantage.

"You don't have to listen to people complaining all the time, wanting to borrow your stuff," **Matt Doum** agreed.

Though being an only child had its perks, nothing is all good. Loneliness was definitely be an issue, especially when onlies were at home.

"It does get lonely sometimes," **Lally** said, "Like when there's nobody home and all your friends are out and there's nobody to talk but the dog."

"I have thought about having a sibling, and it has its advantages and disadvantages," **Toner** said.

When I was younger I had a good friend who was always at my house. He was practically a brother to me," he added.

So what would make a perfect sibling?

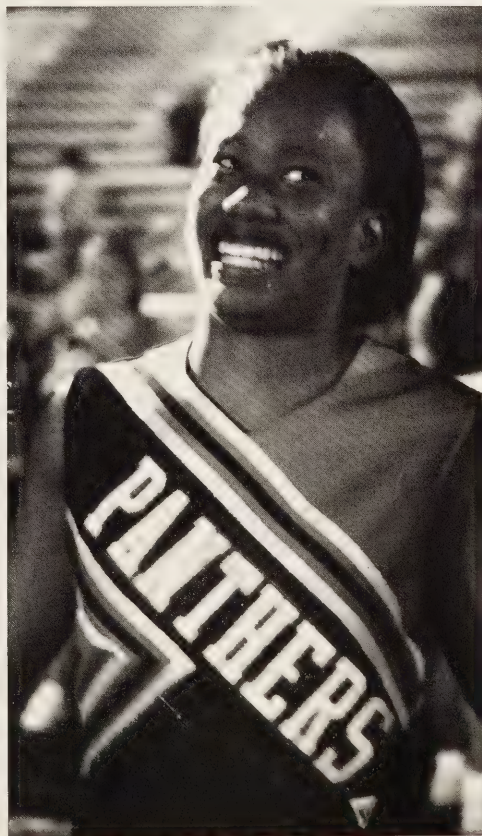
"Someone who doesn't fight with you all the time," **Doum** said.

Lally wanted, "someone who I could talk to and confide in. Someone who could be my best friend. We would treat each other like friends," **Lally** said.

"I would be as fair as possible," said **Toner**, to which he added, "not too mean but not nice constantly. I would try to react to situations as I felt necessary."

And the perfect sibling would be, "a little brother, who is smart and funny," **Toner** said, "and will do whatever I say."

**By Mike Eltringham**



**Only but lonely.** Alex Carrow realizes there are two sides to being without siblings. "You get whatever you want," said Carrow, "but there's never anyone to do stuff with." *Photo by John Sanchez.*

**Only sort of.** While Tarah White has an older sister, she is the only child at home. Her older sister does not live with her. "I can get a car easier and get more money," White said of her solo status, "but there's never anyone to help with chores." *Photo by C. Hampton Gray.*



# measuring up

"I expected to be teased," **Jami Gatewood** said, "because I was a freshman."

Gatewood expectations of high school were shared by other members of the class of 2002.

Freshman heard horror stories of upper classmen pushing them around in the hallways and shouting 'Go home freshman, go home' at pep rallies. Then there was the annual freshman hunt for the mythical pool -- the one on the third floor of our two story building.

"I expected people to be a lot more stuck up than they were," said **Caroline Zidek** referring to upper classmen. "I guess they are just more mature than I thought."

Zidek also made big predictions for her class--the first to spend four years in the building, "2002 will probably be recog-

nized more than any other class. We'll get things started and make a way for future classes."

**Remy Merriam** also had promising plans.

"High school is going to be great," said Merriam, "I want to join as many sports and clubs as I can. I really want to get involved in the community and help people out."

There were also unexpected surprises.

"Freedom," cried **Jennifer Bock**, "I didn't expect as much freedom as we have and the things we get to do. It's exciting to have homecoming and prom to look forward to."

Overall, freshman projected a collective sense of pride about their new status.

"It kind of makes me feel good to be part of the first class to finish four years [here]," said **Kyaira Skinner**.

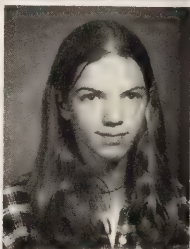
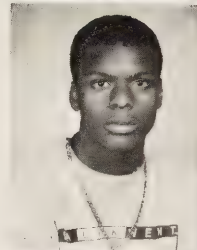
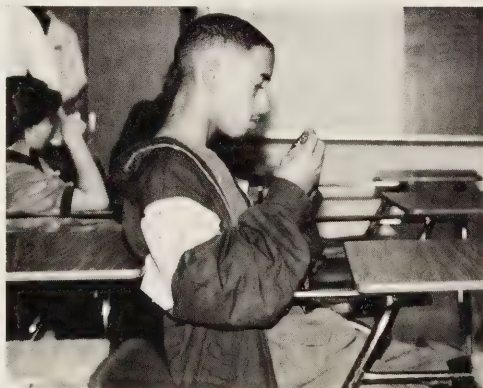
by Elita Walker



Piece of cake. "High school is definitely easier than I thought it would be," said Rachel Mountjoy. "My classes are easier than the classes in middle school and I'm getting better grades." Photo by Nicole Lansden

Keeping up. "High school is like I expected it to be," said Jeremy Hayes. "It's much easier to keep up with than middle school." Photo by Nicole Lansden

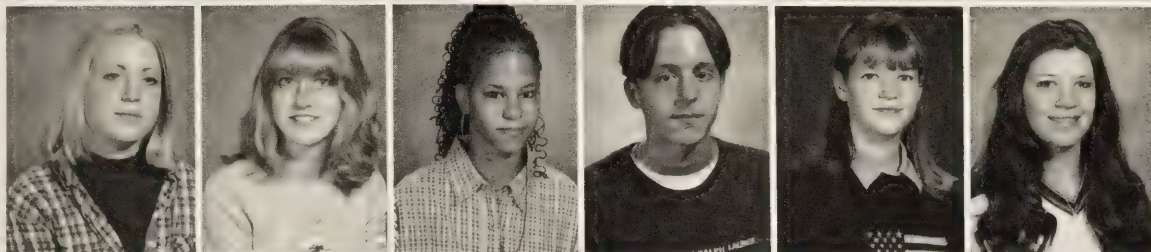
Work Expectations. "The work is much harder here than it was in middle school," said Darius Samuel of his transition. "I have to study a lot harder and more." Photo by John Sanchez



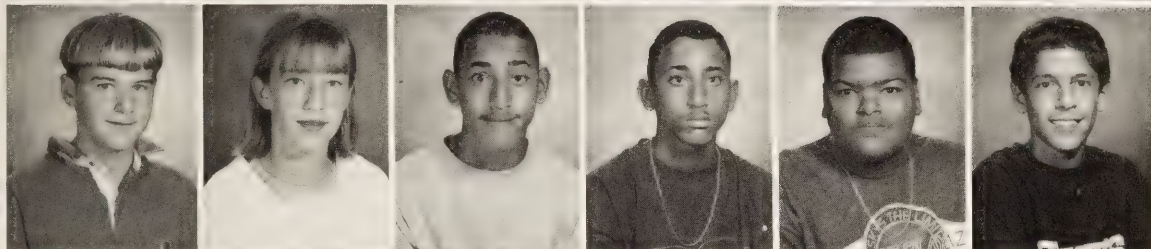




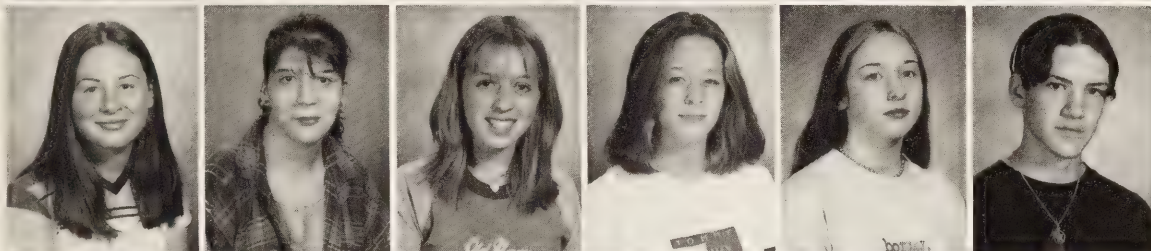
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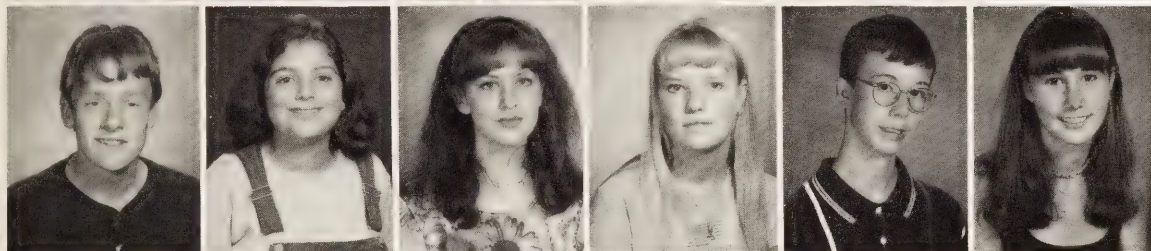
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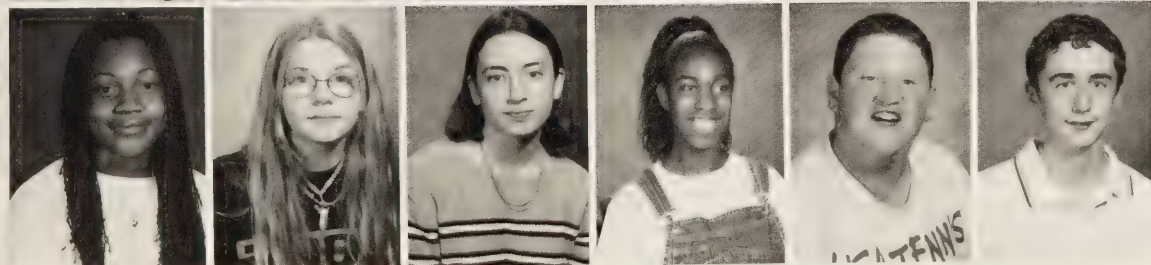
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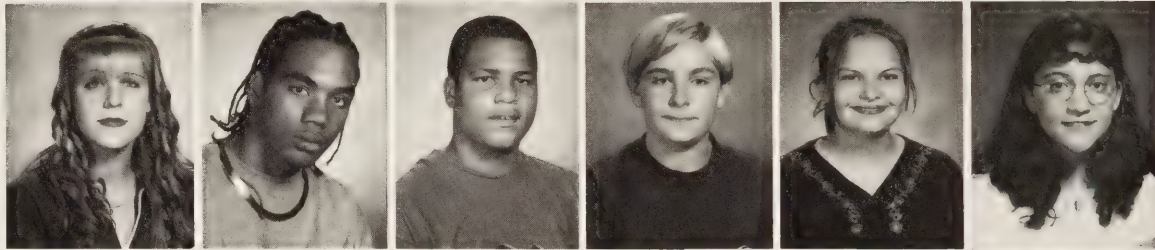
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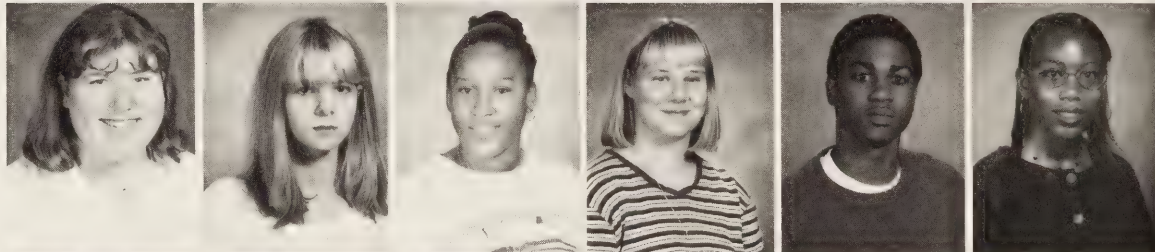
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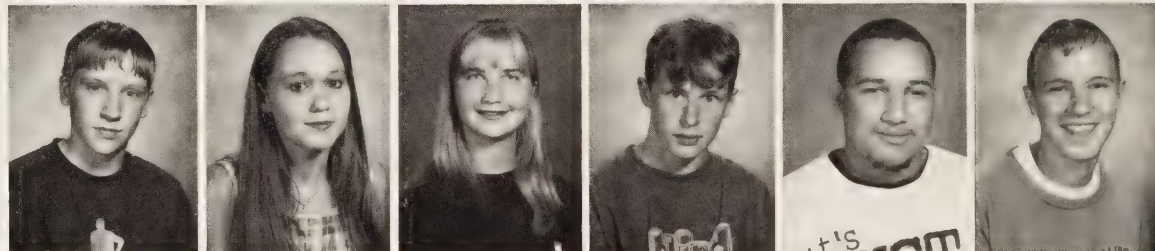
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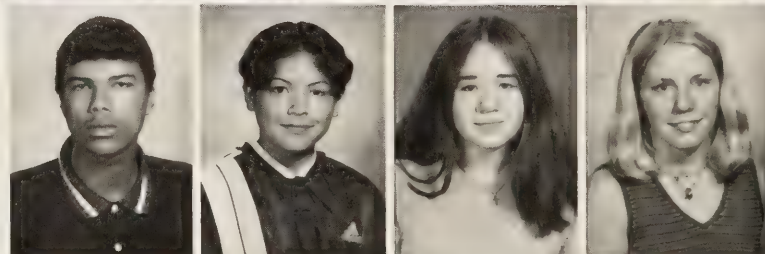
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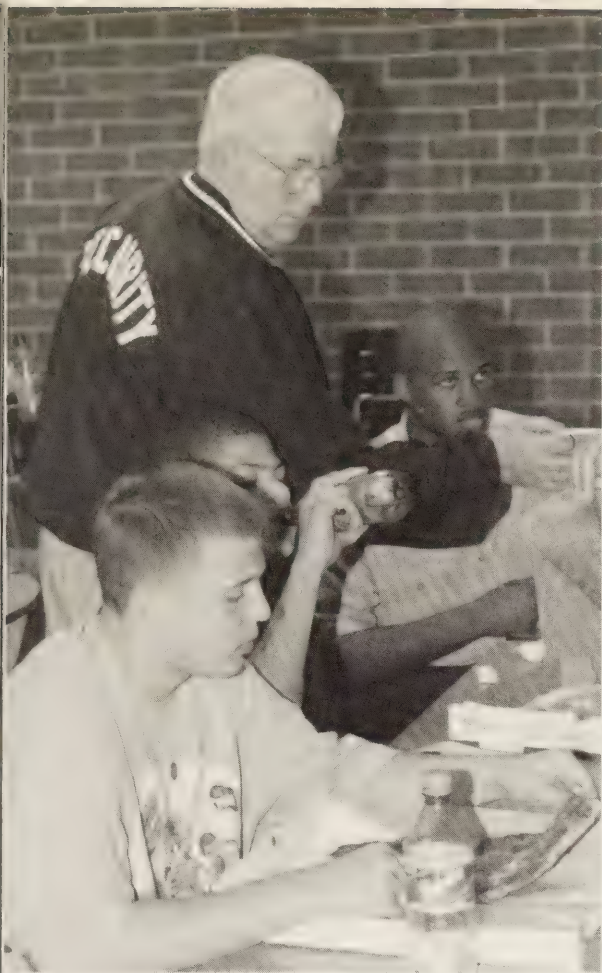
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Students who assisted in unloading furniture and other supplies prior to school opening were rewarded with a pizza party. Mr. Coon helps to serve students Shamar Graves and Ronald Lewis. "During the first month of school they came and got us out of class to help unload trucks and things," said Lewis.

The new school had lots of visitors on opening day. Mr. Coon poses with School Division Superintendent Dr. Sue Burgess during first period on the first day of school.

## David Coon was a guardian angel

**David L. Coon**  
**November 27, 1935 - December 5, 1998**

On Dec. 5, Massaponax High School and the Spotsylvania School Division lost a trusted employee and friend. Mr David L. Coon had served the county for some years as a health and safety officer at Courtland High School and more recently at Massaponax High School.

Those who knew him admired him. He was a loving husband and father as well as a conscientious, caring, and loyal employee. He had honorably and bravely served in the Marine Corps and with the U.S. Capitol Police and certainly qualified in the eyes of many of us as an authentic American hero.

In his work with the schools he vigilantly watched over the safety and well-being of our young people. A stranger to campus did not get past Dave, and neither did a student who was not where they needed to be. He was like an ever-

present guardian angel.

I am sure he would not want to be called a "hero" or "angel," but he certainly qualified for both. he lived the three Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment-and encouraged and inspired the rest of us to do the same.

His passing is mourned, but his life and memory are celebrated. Thanks, Dave. "Semper Paratus!"

**C. Hampton "Chip" Gray**

"Top of the morning to ya," he said most mornings as I made my way to the office. "You're looking fine today," he'd add.

Three years ago as a new and temporary faculty member at Courtland High School, I had my first opportunity to work with Dave Coon.

Mr. Coon, as both I and my students referred to him, was a constant presence in our school life.

He joined the school system following

his retirements from first the Marine Corps and then the U.S. Capitol Park Police.

I would guess retiring was something he seemed unable to do.

It seemed to me that he was every where, performing not only his job as a Health and Safety Officer, but helping staff members in a million other ways.

From delivering packages to holding doors and boosting morale, he was always here, there, and everywhere providing assistance. For me, he was a constant source of support, warmth and friendliness.

He never failed to greet me with a smile or a kind word whenever our paths crossed.

He continued along that path when he joined us this year on the faculty at Massaponax.

Our school and our community will sorely miss his presence. But each of our lives was both enriched and made more secure through our association with him.

He devoted his entire working life to making the world around him safer, more secure.

I hope he has found the everlasting peace that he worked throughout his life to provide for others.

**Sandra Woodcock**



Teaching their regular classes and then working with extracurricular activities has these teachers

# Doing double *duty*

Teaching by itself is a hard job, but many teachers handle both the responsibilities of teaching and sponsoring a club or coaching a sport.

This year teachers not only had to sponsor the club but the majority also had to organize the clubs and sports since they had to start from scratch.

Football and wrestling **Coach Tatum** doesn't mind the loss of free time that comes with coaching a sports team.

"As long as the kids are as committed as I am, I don't mind. I already knew I was going to lose a lot of free time but I really like my job, I feel that I handle it very well and I hardly ever feel stress," he said.

Teachers often have certain reasons for sponsoring the certain club or sport they do.

"I wanted to sponsor a community service club. We didn't have SNAPS here at

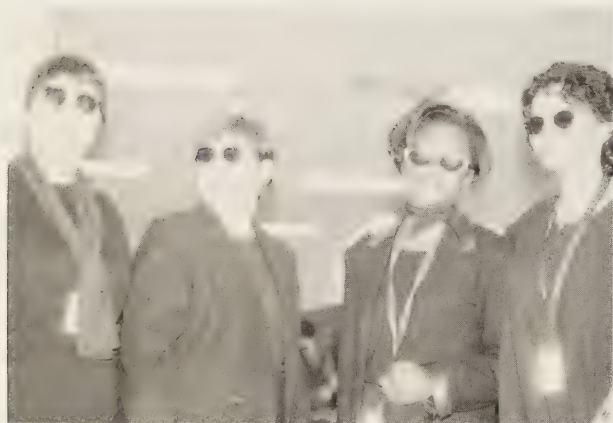
Massaponax at the beginning of the year," said **Heather Newbill**, sponsor of the SNAPS organization. "Mr. Paul, the kids and I created it to fulfill the needs of the school and the community. We wanted to change the negative image of teenagers that dominates social views."

A loss of free time is also not an issue for Newbill, "Giving to others is never a waste of time."

When Miss **Fernanda Kain**, the SADD sponsor here at Massaponax came to our school she already had experience as a SADD sponsor.

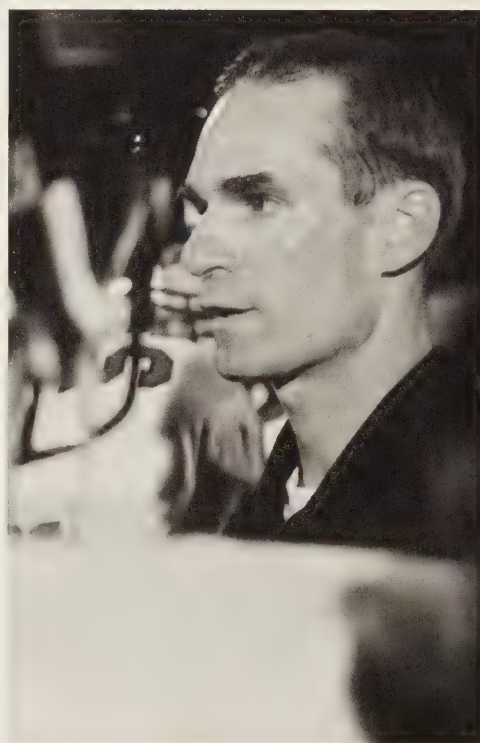
"I served as the Drug Free Schools coordinator at Caroline High School and one of my responsibilities was to get the SADD chapter started there. It was a natural transition for me to be the sponsor here," she said.

*by Jennifer Klarman*



Women in black. Showing their school spirit, Ms. MacIntosh, Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Dornan do their morning hall duty dressed as the 'women' in black on 'Twin Day.' Mrs. Woodcock advises both newspaper and yearbook and Mrs. Clark sponsors FHA.

Not only is Mr. Ludden the head coach of the football team, but he is also the assistant baseball coach. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, he teaches and runs the weight lifting program for football players during the off-season.







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Mrs. Shannon Allen: Agriculture, FFA Advisor  
D. Brooks  
B. Brown  
Cathy Brown  
E. Brown  
J. Buch  
J. Buck

Al Burner: Geometry, Algebra II, SAT Prep  
Melissa A. Campbell: English 9, English 9/10 Adv, Forensics Coach, GLAD sponsor  
Maria T. Cannata: Special Education; Earth Science, US Government, Resource  
C. Carter  
William Childs: Assistant Principal  
Mrs. K. Clark  
Michele Coffman : English 9/10  
David Cooley

David L. Coon  
Ms. A. Cottrell: Health/PE 9, Assistant Gymnastics Coach  
H. Coulon  
Sharon Cox: Teacher Assistant  
Janice Craig: Librarian  
R. Creekmor  
Madame Delacroix: German I/II/III/IV  
Lorraine DelGrosso: US History, African American History, Debate Team Coach

K. Susie Dornan: English 9, Adv English 12, SAT Prep, Gifted Resource  
Mrs. V. Dumene: Biology, Environmental Science, Environmental Science Club Sponsor  
G. Ely  
Chris Farrell: Special Education, Boy's Soccer Coach  
Joseph Fillare: Special Education Assistant  
Lavern Fillare: Algebra I/II, Junior Class Sponsor  
Cathy Fisher: World History 9, SCA co-sponsor  
Gloria Fontenot: Discrete Geometry, Consumer Math, Sophomore Class Sponsor

L. Franklin  
I. Frazier: Attendance Secretary  
J. Gebhart: English 11/11 Adv, Girl's Soccer Coach  
C. Hampton Gray: Principal  
E. Harper  
C. Harney  
B. Harris  
Marian Harvey: Reading/ Writing Improvement, Functional Math, Life Skills, Community Based Instruction

S. Holland: Administrative Intern  
M. Hunter: School Nurse  
Miss Irwin: English 9, Cheerleading, Gymnastics  
E. Iselin  
C. Jackson: Security Officer  
G. Jackson  
Pamela Jandrosits: Instructional Assistant  
Rhonda Johnson

T. Johnson  
Sally Jordan: Math Analysis, AP Calculus, NHS Sponsor  
Martha Jusino: Latin II/III/IV/AP, Latin Club, NLHS Sponsor, Certamen  
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Pauline Kay: Teacher Assistant  
Kimberly Kemp: Drama, Drama Club, InterActors  
Mr. C. King: Chemistry, Outdoor Club, ICC  
Corey Koch

Robert J. Landon: English 9-12  
R. Laporte  
A. Lauff  
D. Lord  
Mr. Bill Lynch: Algebra, Geometry  
Gerald Mann: Earth Science, Biology, Volleyball Coach  
Gwendolyn Martin: Government, AP Government, Senior Class Sponsor  
Carol E. McCrary: Spanish II/III, Spanish Club, NSHS Sponsor



Janet McCrum: US History, Psychology, Sociology  
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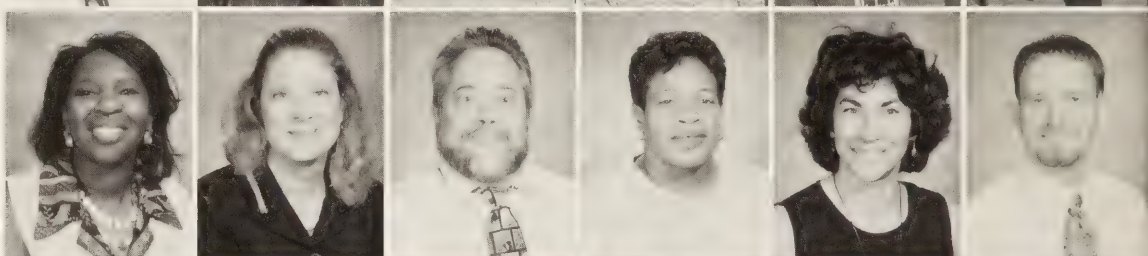
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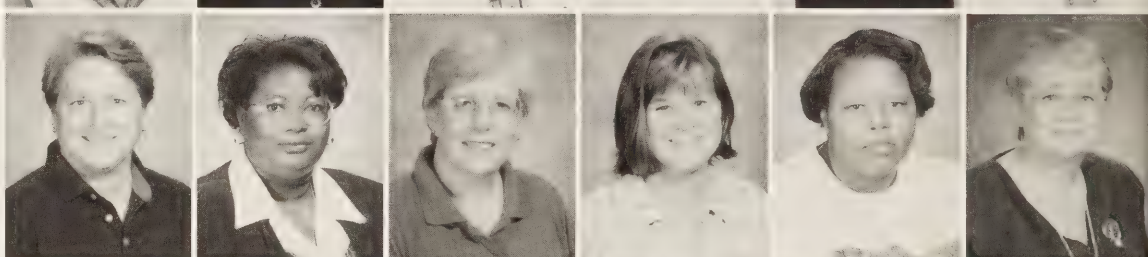
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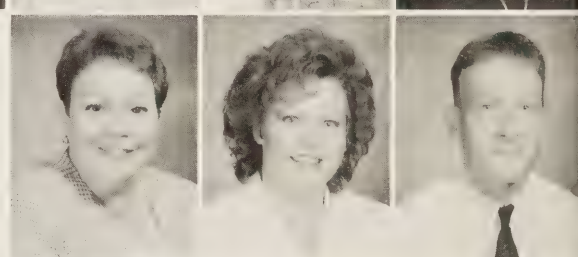
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 Renee Soto: English 9/ Creative Writing  
 Michael Stebar: AP Biology, Earth Science  
 Susan Stokes: Latin  
 Rick Stottlemeyer: Biology, Marine Science



M. Sturtuvant  
 Wanda Taylor: Business  
 Ann Tinsman: Librarian  
 Joanna Villers: Chemistry  
 L. Waller  
 Kattie Wallet: Physics  
 Wendy Washington: Secretary-Library  
 Wayne Whitfield: Technology



Diana Williams: French  
 Terri J. Winscher: English 10/12  
 Keith Wolfe: Earth Science/ Administrator  
 Sandra Woodcock: Journalism I-IV, Photojournalism, *Glances* Adviser, *Growl*  
 Adviser  
 Justin Woodside: Guidance Counselor





After completing their education, these county graduates find themselves back in high school, as teaching careers led them

## Back to the *future*

They inspired her, they challenged her and they were instrumental in her decision to become a teacher.

Her experiences in the classrooms of Latin teacher David Winn and science instructor Barbara Kriskovich made a lasting and life directing difference to first year teacher and Spotsylvania High School graduate **Cathy Brown**.

"Their attitude toward teaching and their ability to inspire and to demand more from their students were characteristics that I hope to have in my own teaching," Ms. Brown said.

"I was offered a job in North Carolina, but decided I didn't want to be that far away from home. Spotsylvania was the first area school system to offer me a

position. The fact that Mr. Mann was the Department head influenced my decision. He was also another of my spectacular teachers. I knew he would give me the support and guidance I would need as a first year teacher."

Guidance Counselor **Justin Woodside** graduated from Courtland High School in 1991.

"I went into the area of counseling because I wanted to make a difference and you can make a difference," said Mr. Woodside.

"I thought it would be great to come back and work in the system I graduated from. I had a very positive experience in high school at Courtland."

*by Floyd Wood and Sandy Woodcock*



Including first year teachers we also had student teachers. Student teachers this year helped and also taught for teachers. Here, Mrs. Bernard helps Nikki Phillips with some work during english nine. Bernard helped Ms. Soto with her ninth grade english classes during the year. *Photo by John Sanchez*

First year teaching can be very exciting for some teachers. So much that you can't hold it in. Here a very excited Mrs. Bennett tells other teachers how her year is going. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*



During junior class elections candidates waited nervously for their turn at convincing their peers to elect them. Keith Parker, Devin Wright, Shannon Lally, Christine Deitz, Chantee Schuler, and Lindsey Harmon talk as they await their turn to speak. *Photo by Allen Griffey.*

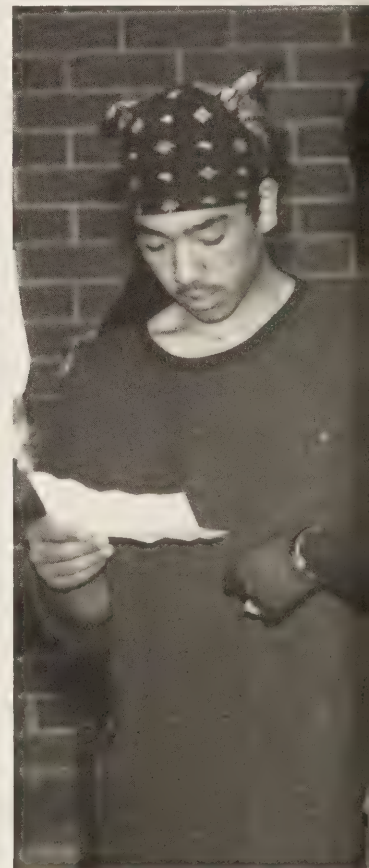


Why me? Making an effort to convince her classmates candidate Chantee Schuler gives her opinion on the role of a class president. It worked, Schuler defeated opposing candidates Shannon Lally and Andrea Lyall. *Photo by Allen Griffey.*



SCA elections were conducted over the P.A. this year, a change from traditional assembly speeches. Candidate Heather Benson reads her speech while Elita Walker, Johnathon Thomas, and Katie Buckley await their turn. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*

Where am I? Class schedules were distributed during open house Sept. 3. Those not attending picked up schedules from Guidance on opening day. Steven Hatfield looks over his schedule with guidance director Lisa Walker. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*







September bus evacuation drills tested students ability to quickly exit the bus in an emergency. Hobie Taylor walks away following his perfect jump from the rear door. Photo by Justin Nissley.

Giving SCA election speeches in the office over the intercom was not easy for candidates to work with. Jamanda McKinnis talks to Mrs. Holland while awaiting her turn. Photo by S. Woodcock.



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"One month filled with firsts"-Nick Barksdale

## one of a kind



"I ran because I wanted to be an influence in what goes on in this school," said **Phill Mancini** of his role as president of the student body.

**Saturday, Sept. 18 - Battle of the Bands** - More than 10 student bands competed at the event held at Courtland High School. "The music is different," said attendee **Jennifer Klarman**. "I get to hear original songs that I don't hear on the radio every day." MHS's La Costa Noche performed.

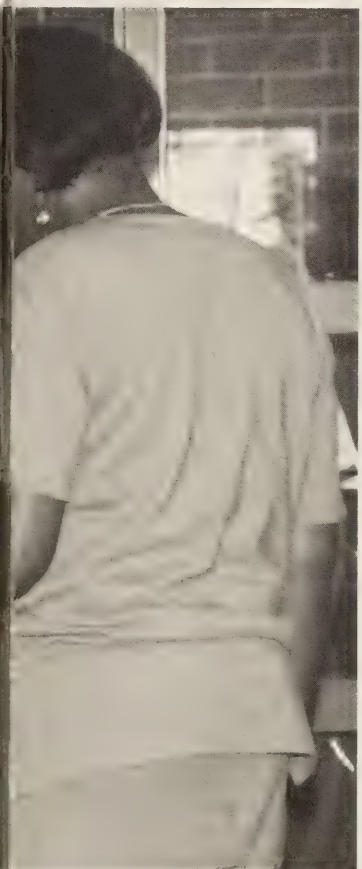
**Tuesday, Sept. 22- SCA Election Campaign** - Rather than hold an election assembly, candidates gave campaign speeches over the PA system on consecutive days "Speaking over the intercom was easier," said candidate

**Adrienne Ward**. "but presenting in front of the school is more effective. People recognize you and remember your speech better."

**Friday, Sept. 25-FFA Forestry Judging Team**- Team members **Ash Harding, Thomas Phipps, Chris Burruss** and **Nick Smith** placed 12th out of 30 teams in the State Fair competition. The participants were expected "to identify, measure, and figure out the value of trees to help improve their management skills," said **Ms. Allen** the FFA sponsor.

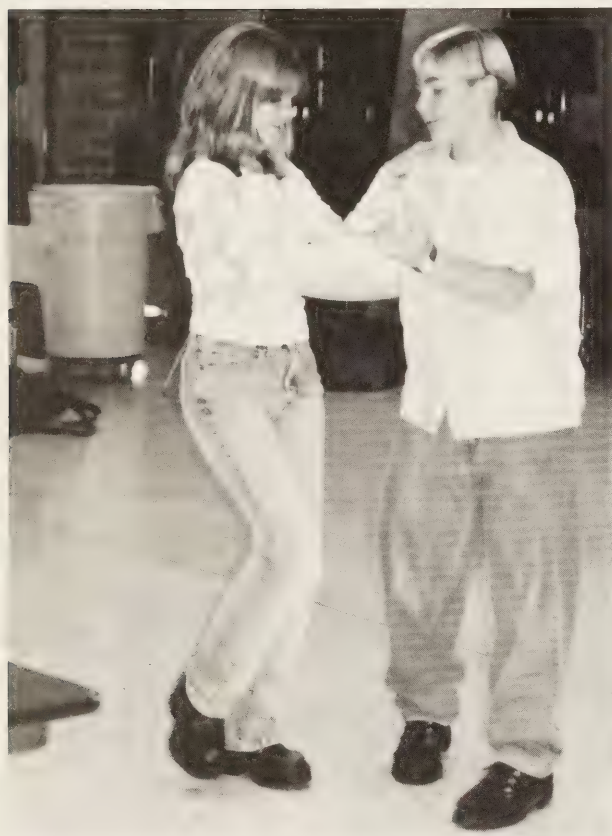
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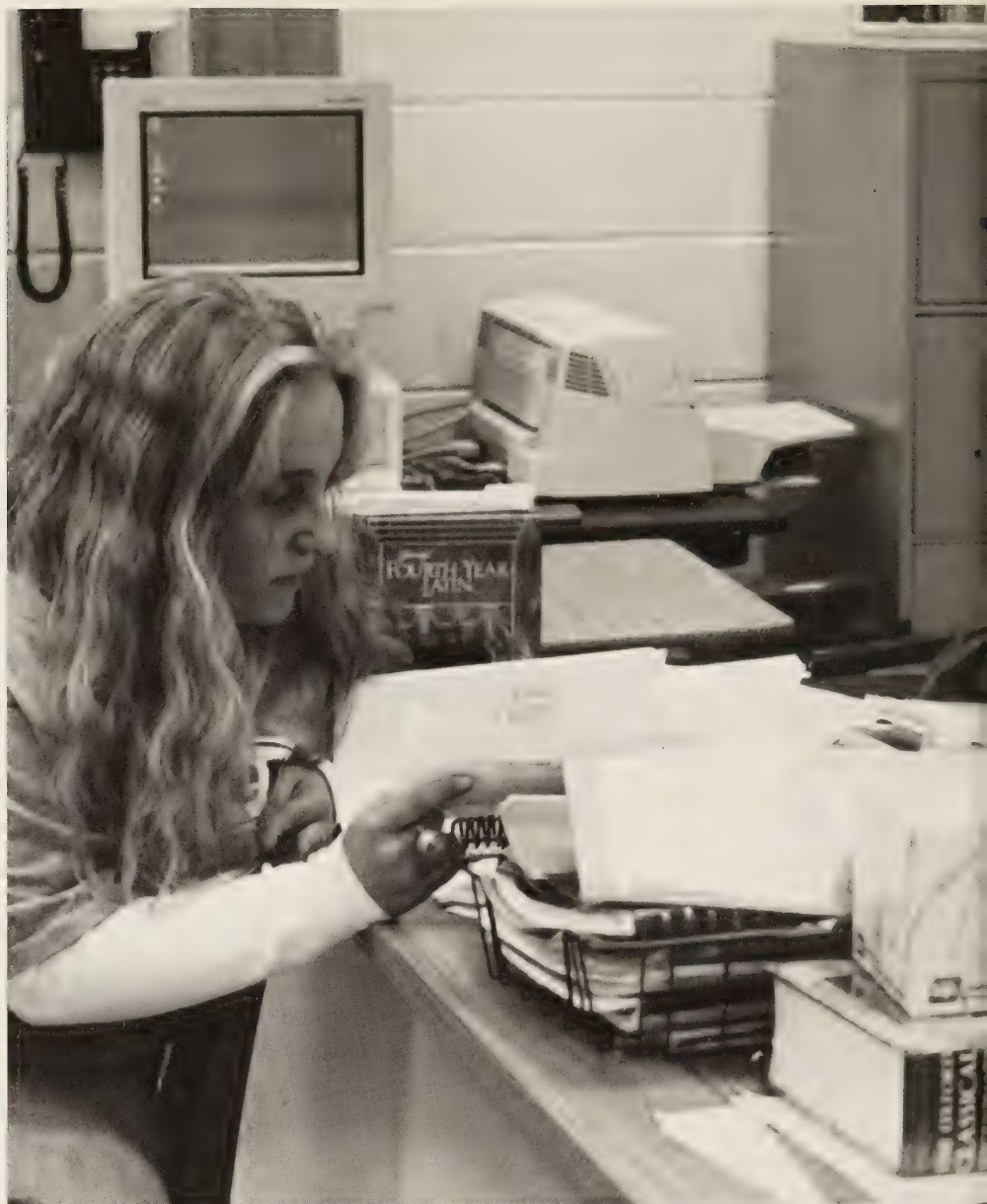




Above and beyond. Some classes seem more difficult than others. Using after school time, Renee Keeler gets additional help from Latin instructor Martha Jusino. Photo by Kaya Wilson.



Getting in the swing of things. The Drama Club sponsored free swing dancing lessons during the month of November before hosting a dance in December. Audra Rojek and Michael Toner take advantage of the after school opportunity, to learn the basics. Photo by Amy Hamblet.



Come blow your horn. Running a parade formation drill, trumpeteer Jason Estep practices afterschool during the month of November. "It wasn't that bad outside," said piccolo player Leigha Surles. "Once your got moving around, it go really hot." Photo by Christine Revis.

Some soul food. Some student after school activites require the solitude only home provides. Jonathan Morrow takes time to catch up on his Bible study. PhotoColt Hagmaier





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**"I USUALLY GET HOME BETWEEN 5:00 AND 6:00 P.M."- JAY TOLES**

Four hours after the dismissal bell there are still cars in the student parking lot.

"I usually get home from school between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.," said **Jay Toles**, a sophomore who participates in two sports and weight lifts during his off-season.

Tole, whose day begins around 6:30 a.m. hoped his devotion paid off.

"I hope to get a college scholarship from either sport, it doesn't matter," he said.

During the school year, most of **Colt Hagmier's** afterschool time was also spent playing sports whether for fun or on a school team.

"I play soccer in my neighborhood, and paintball almost every Friday," Hagmier said.

"When I do go home [on time] I eat and maybe sleep. But that doesn't happen of-

ten," he said. "During the winter season I had swim practice from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. every night. Our meets were on Fridays so I was unable to play paintball."

"You can do anything you're interested in. There are sports and clubs and band. It's also an opportunity to make new friends," said **Kelly Jensen** about her after-school involvement.

While **Lawrence Suggs** wasn't involved in school sponsored activities, his afternoons and evenings remained busy.

"I have to babysit my nephew, Trevonne from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.," Suggs said. "...we play games, but nothing too difficult because he is only 18 months old."

Once his nephew was asleep, Suggs said he got online and did his homework be-

fore going to bed.

**Jennifer Bock's** afternoons were also spent helping younger family members.

"I get off the bus and ...wait for my siblings to get dropped off [their bus], so I can walk them home," she said. Bock called a neighbor, letting her know that she and her siblings got home safely.

In February, Bock did an hour a day of community service.

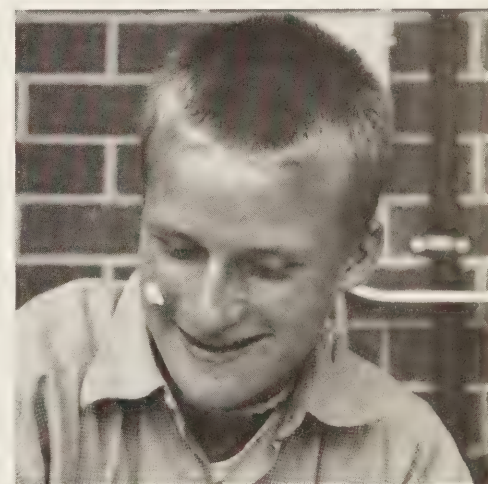
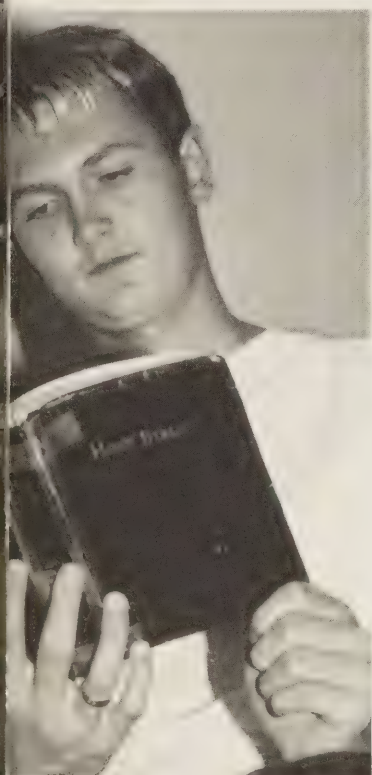
Television was a pastime for many.

"When I get home most of the time I get something to eat. Then I watch MTV and BET for about an hour," said **Nicole Lansden**.

Before babysitting Suggs too watched TV.

"I watch Rap City and MTV Jams Countdown until 6:30," he said.

*by Matt Smith*



**Dirty work.** Wearing part of his efforts, Spanish Club member **Ian Kaila's** cheek sports a pumpkin seed 'tattoo.' The club carved jack-o-lanterns outside which they then displayed in the library. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*

**In the works.** Putting the finishing touches on a menacing poster of Medusa, **Matt Herbek** prepares for competition at the Latin convention. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*



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**"WHY BE TRENDY? IT'S DUMB, IF I DON'T LIKE IT, I WON'T WEAR IT," MATT HOFFMAN**

Appearance was one continuing way students sought to establish who they were.

"I just wear what I like. I dress to my moods," said **Stevi Antosh**.

"I wear darker clothes like greys. I don't really like to wear clothes with brand names on them, I'm not a bill board," said **Matt Hoffman** who said he feels the clothes he wears reflect his personality.

Though trendy was a word often used to describe groups of students who shopped at the same places, many didn't like to describe their appearance that way.

**Danielle Lloyd** doesn't think she's trendy at all.

"I set my own trends. I think my wardrobe reflects my weird

ness, I wear what appeals to me and what is comfortable," **Lloyd** said.

"Why be trendy? It's dumb, if I don't like it, I won't wear it," Hoffman agreed.

But stores, such as Corky's, which offered 'one of a kind' vintage merchandise were popular shopping places.

"My favorite piece of clothing is my big vintage Hawaii dress I got at Corky's," said **Lloyd** who added she liked to 'clothes hunt' at thrift stores.

**Antosh** agreed. "I like my hippie skirt from Corky's because it's different and unique."

Cost was still a factor that determined style.

"\$50 is the most I'd spend on a shirt. I spend \$200 on

average when I go shopping," said **Olivia Johnson**.

Comfort too was important.

"I have a grey tank top that I really like that I got from Victoria's Secret. I think it's comfortable and I wear it under other shirts," said **Johnson**.

And while no one wanted to be called 'trendy' there were styles they admitted they'd like to see disappear.

"A trend I wouldn't mind seeing disappear is camouflage," said **Hoffman**.

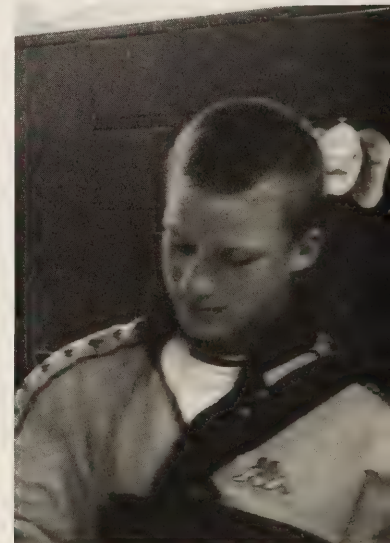
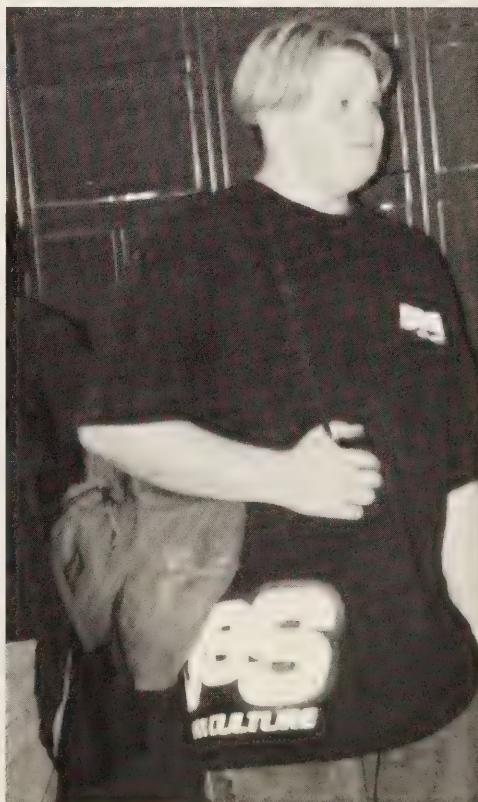
"I don't like brand names all over clothes, especially those especially those Tommy Hilfiger jeans with Tommy written down the pants leg," **Antosh** said.

*by Jennifer Klarman and Jenni Ziegler*

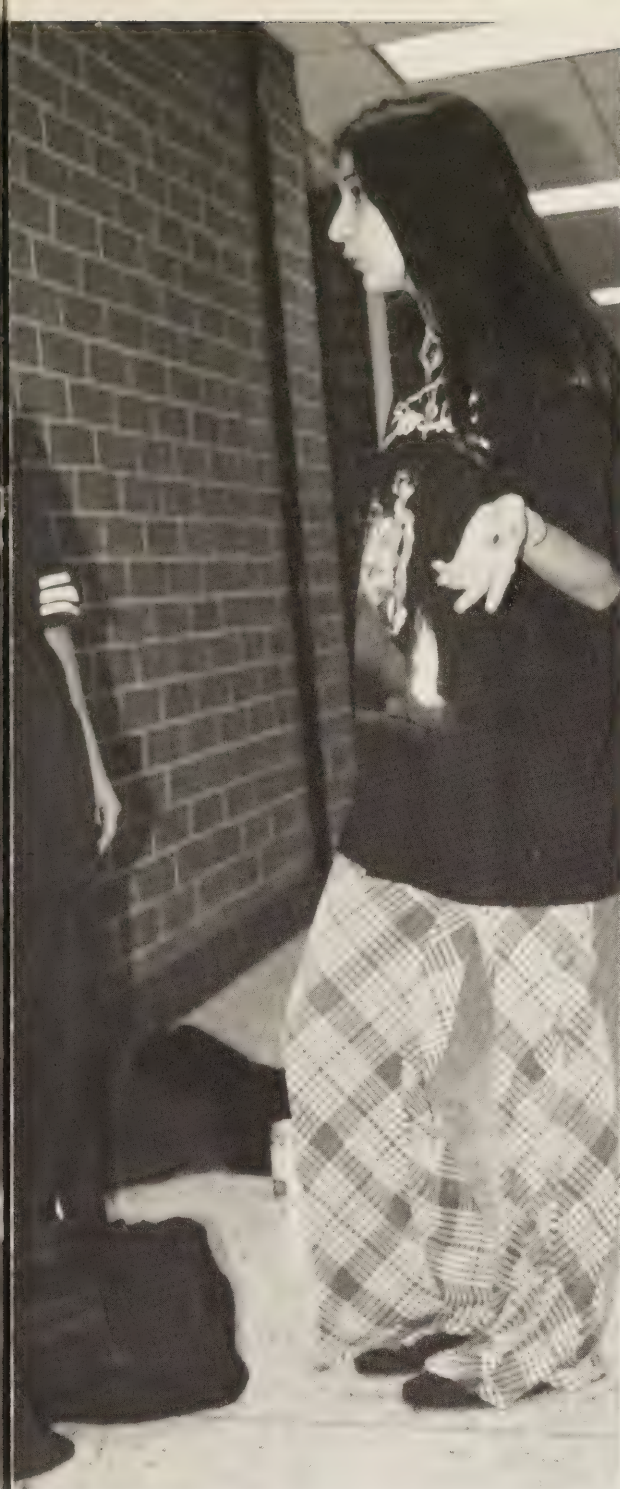


Surfin' safaria. Part of the retro-look included a return to Hawaiian print shirts popular during the late 60's. Michael Toner liked the casual look provided. Photo by Tiffany Williams.

Another day, another look. Hair dying and bleaching grew in popularity with some students changing colors weekly. Joey Pascuzzi tries out neon green during October. Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.





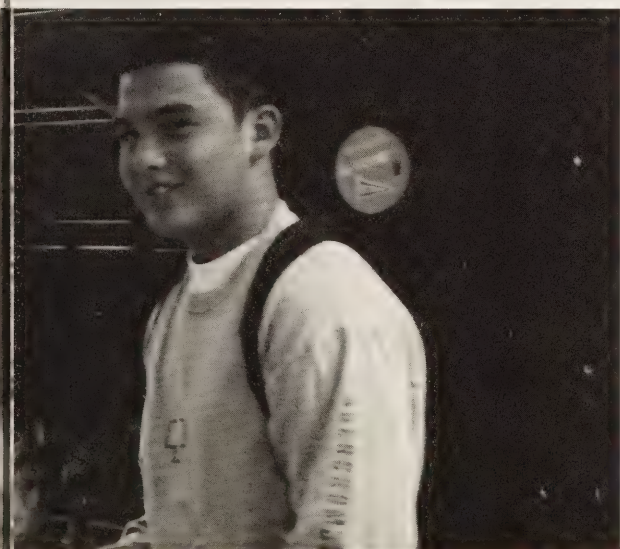


The look. Short plaid skirts and combat boots were 'in style.' Danielle Lloyd and Melody Stuart talk in the commons area. "It's extremely hard to be an individual because there's always someone who's trying to be a carbon copy," said Lloyd. Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.

What's in a name? Such brands as Nautica, Chaps and Hilfinger were especially popular. Floyd Wood wears a Nautica tee shirt. A name he especially favors. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.



The right brand. Guess and Nike were brand logos still popular with students Sylvia Diaz, Shannon Carter, and Raeshaun Williams. Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.

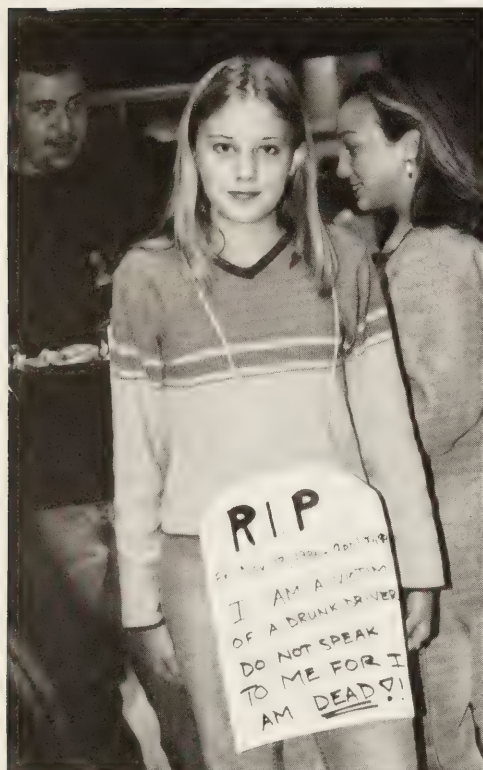


Must haves. Store and brand names printed on clothing contained as another popular look. Abercrombie and Fitch, as well as Kappa, are brand names particularly liked by Ian Kaila and Andrew Shin. Photo by James Blackburn.



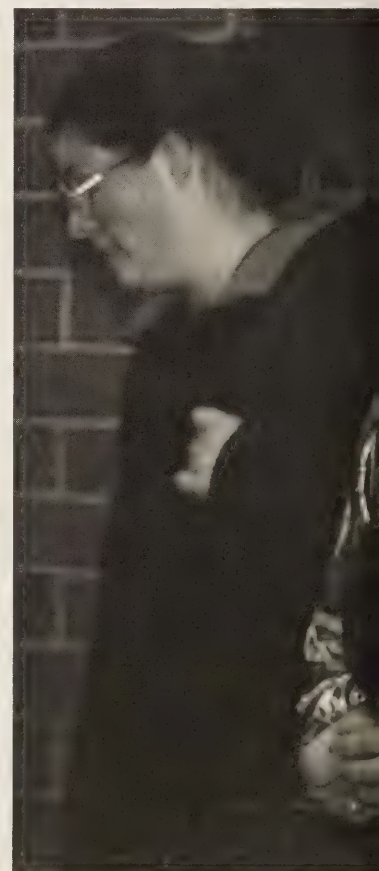
The school day before halloween gave students an opportunity to dress in their costume. From women to soldiers students dressed up for fun and the amusement of friends. Dewayne Pickney shows some of his friends his dress in the commons area during lunch. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek*

A SADD activity on the thirtieth of October found some students feeling a little dead. The Grimm Reaper went around to a different class every thirty minutes to put a tombstone on them. A dead Elaine Fugee stands mute in the commons after being killed by a drunk driver. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek*

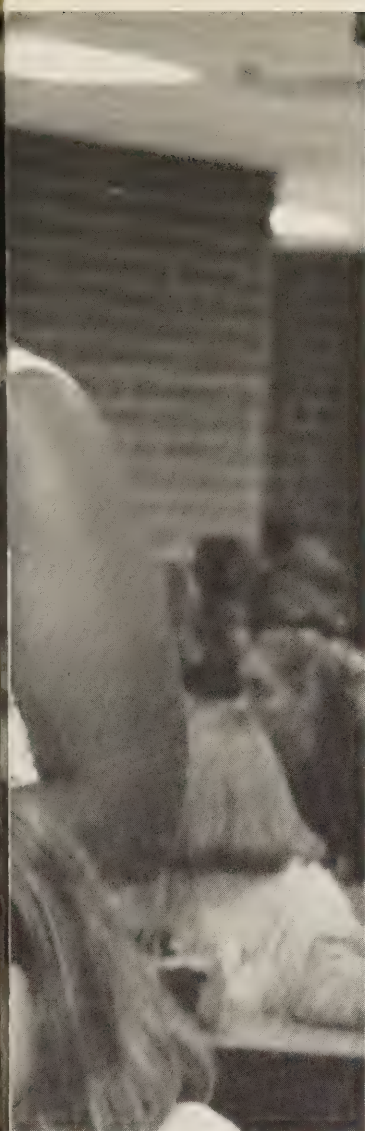


College night gave students a chance to view their favorite colleges and most any college they would like to attend. Devin Wright, Christine Deitz, and Denise Machonis discuss the information they got on the colleges they plan to attend. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek*

Students who were anxious for their friends to see them in their costumes came to school dressed in their outfits. Rachelle Sinclair shows off her middle eastern costume in the commons during lunch. *Photo by Tiffany Williams*







Students were given a red ribbon symbolizing those who have died from the disease to wear on National AIDS Day. Jenny Owens wears her ribbon throughout the day. Photo by Stephanie Rohacek

Report Cards gave students both joy and fear. Stevi Antosh checks a grade with instruction Sandra Woodcock during sixth period. Photo by Amy Hamblet



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## the bigger picture



"At college night I received lots of information about lots of different colleges, helping me to eliminate or look further into my possibilities. I eventually want to live on my own, hopefully with a good job."

-Nicole Heiman

## what's available



"At college night I talked to the people at the booths about what the majors were, I got a lot of information. My plans for college are to hopefully play softball."

-Christen DuChemin

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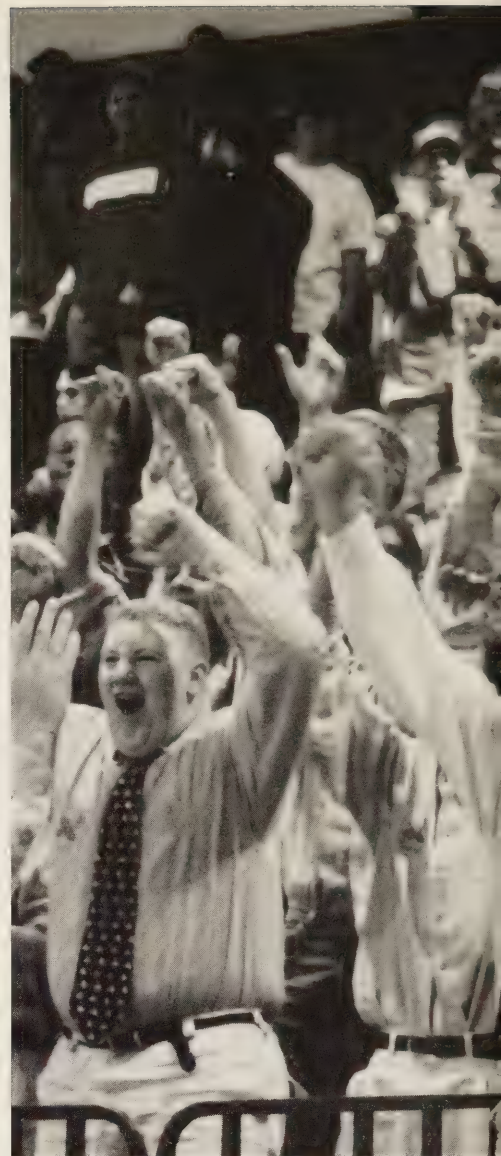
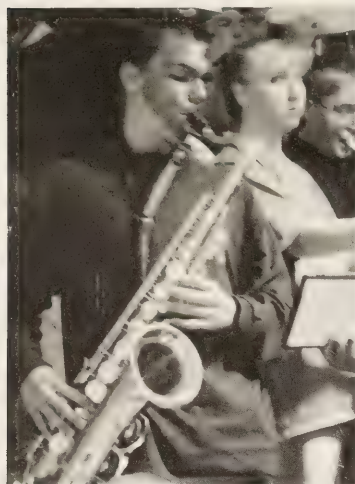
"I just wore the horns for fun, it was Halloween, so I decided I'd do something creative. I told people that I was showing my true self."

-Renee Keeler



Heads up. Performing stunts, cheerleaders Nikki Cunningham, April Flath, Alyson Seay, Jaque Messenger and Christen Duchemin hold up Jan Muerdler. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.

A face in the crowd. In teal and black make-up, marching band member Phil Sloan plays the theme to 'Jaws' on the sax keeping students in the swing of things during the pep rally. Photo by S. Woodcock.



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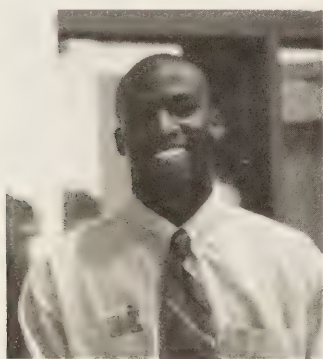
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"IT GOT EVERYONE ROWDY," - CAROLINA BUCHANAN

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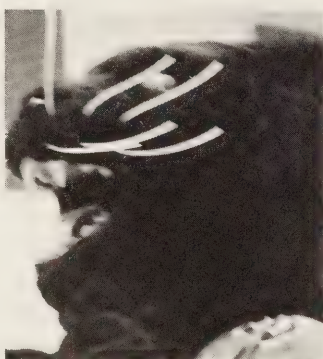
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On November 6, students participated in a Pep Rally where the school's first 'court' and fall athletes were presented.

"I thought it went pretty well for the first pep rally at the school. [As for being on the court] It was an honor to come to a brand new school and be nominated for King since I'm the new guy," said Senior **David Clark**



The school mascot's identity was a well guarded secret, but igniting school spirit was his job.

"Never give up, strive to be the best. If you can't do it, take that 'M' off your chest," said the **Panther**.



In a tradition carried over from Courtland, clubs and classes competed in a banner competition. Awards were given for such things as most creative, most thematic, and best class.

"I wore the sombrero because I carried the Spanish Club banner," said **Carolina Buchanan**. "I really enjoyed the first pep rally. It got everyone rowdy."







Stand then deliver. The pep rally gave players and teams a chance to show off their team's enthusiasm. Showing their support, the varsity football players stand and shout as their team is called to the floor. It worked, they won 28-18. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*

Top dog. Every class wanted to win the the class 'sound off.' Members of the sophomore class rise and cheers when their class is called. It wasn't enough to give them the win. The seniors, with the help of the varsity football team, were just a little bit louder. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



The main event. The class sound off gave everybody a reason to cheer. Sophomore Adam Wisinewski aids the small in numbers but loud in voice seniors, joining Billy Grantz, Eric Martin, Kris Parris, Erin Maclin, Heather Holtzworth and T.J. Joseph in support of the Class of '99.



First bite. Making Halloween cookies on October 28, Siblings Chip and Whitney Clark fight over who gets to taste the first batch. The two said they got along pretty well and have some of the same friends, so working together, rather than alone, was more fun. Photo by Amy Hamblet.



Deck the office. Volunteer mom Mrs. Rojek places the tree top ribbon on the office Christmas tree. Volunteers helped with many office tasks including answering the phones. Photo by S. Woodcock.



Say what? One of the places friends had to catch up with one another was in the hall between classes and at lunch. Justin Blake and Marcus Savoy catch up on the days activity after lunch. Photo by Kenneth Teets.

Tell me did ya see him? Checking out JM's cross country team from the hockey bench, teammates and friends Sarah Moran and Jessica McDonald agreed there was no one of interest. The two met while freshmen at Courtland. Photo by S. Woodcock.





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"I CAN ALWAYS TALK TO THEM..." -SHANNON VOSS

They listen, they support you, they are there for you.

That was what set family and friends apart **Shannon Voss** said.

"I can always talk to them, and know they will listen" she said.

"They motivate me to do good and make good grades," said **Allison Sapp** about her family.

"My parents are really there for me, and encourage me to do the best I can, in everything I do," agreed **Heather Schnell**.

"My parents will drive me where I need to go if they have the time and aren't busy," said **Laura Weidenbach**.

"I forgot to bring my [basketball] shoes to school and just before the end of seventh pe-

riod, my mom was outside the classroom door with my shoes," said **Brandon Carter**.

**Dean Park** mother also came to his rescue when he forgot to bring a poster project on the day it was due.

"I had to call my mom at home and ask her to bring it to school. She drove the 20 minute drive to hand me my project anyway. It was a good thing she did, too. That poster counted as a test grade.

Sisters and brothers too were special.

"My sister [Olivia] used to always give me rides to and from school," said **Sara Johnson**. "She always takes time out of what she's doing and helps me with my homework."

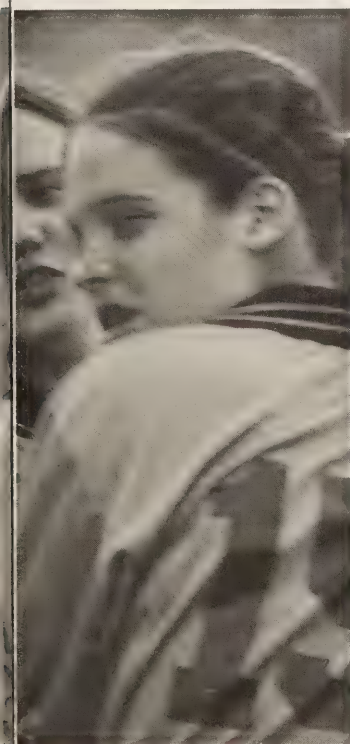
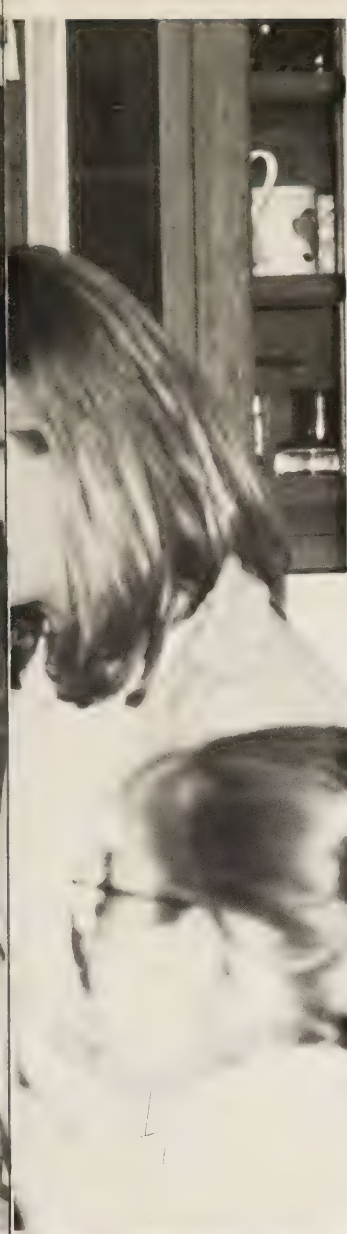
"During basketball games at halftime when I cheer my time is limited," said **Elita Walker**. "My little brother goes out before halftime to beat the lines and brings me a drink and a snack. If he didn't help me I would have to go hungry or be late getting back and get demerits."

It was important to be a friend as well as to have them.

"I drive myself to school but I also drive other people, and I don't mind" said Sapp, a friend who didn't care if her friends needed a ride as long as they lived near by.

"When I needed lunch money, one of my friends loaned me a \$1," said **Amanda Stone**.

by **Sara Moran, Jessica McDonald and Sandy Woodcock**

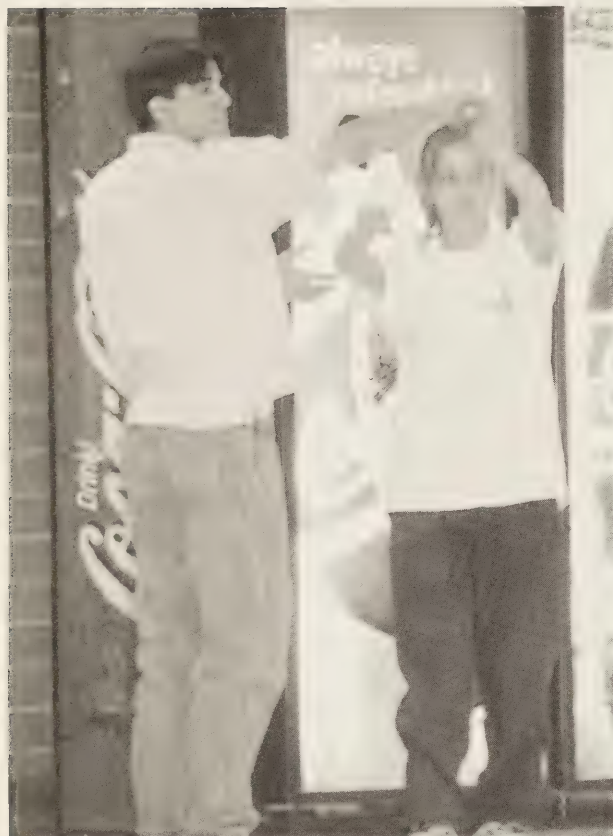


Little drummer boy. Before marching band practice begins after school, member Chad Davis watches over Carter Koch, 3, the son of band director Corey Koch. The Marching Panther Pride practiced daily. Photo by S. Woodcock.

Friends indeed. Early in the evening before the dancing got started, Angela Stone and good friend Richard Bowling talk and await the arrival of others. Photo by Gurbara.



During November the cast of "Working" found themselves practicing in the commons because of a still unfinished auditorium. The casts takes a break to listen to directions from drama instructor Kim Kemp. Photo by Colt Hagmaier. On Fridays in November members



of the Drama Club gave swing dancing lessons to interested students. Jordan Robinson and Jennifer Hamilton work on learning the necessary moves.



First Dance. Rather than a Homecoming the SCA held a formal dance, La Premiere Nuit on November 14. SCA member Tonya Taylor and co-sponsor Mrs. Ivan sell advance tickets to the event during first lunch shift. Photo by Justin Nissley.

Bevy of Beauties. Leading the crowd in spirit cheers, members of the Powder Puff Game 'Cheerleading' squad included Eugene Mills, Devin Wright, Seth Myers Cliff Campbell, Chip Clark and Charlie Cook. The event was a fundraiser for the Athletic Booster Club. Photo by Craig Goldstein.







Perfecting their performance are Working cast members Chauntee Schooler, Jonathan Eastridge Brian Cosgrove and Emily Moore. Cast members began practice the first week in October for the performance on November 10.

On November 11, VFW Post 10546 manned a table of military artifacts, speaking to interested students about their own military experience. Post members set up similar displays at schools throughout county.



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"IT WENT BY FAIRLY QUICKLY BECAUSE OF THE BREAK,"  
-JASON MILLER.

role reversal

class work



In late Nov. female students took to the football field for a powder puff game.

"I was in pain [the next day] from sore muscles," said Linebacker **Candace Carpenter** who said she spent \$50 on black and teal makeup. An evening highlight was hearing "pleas from the juniors."



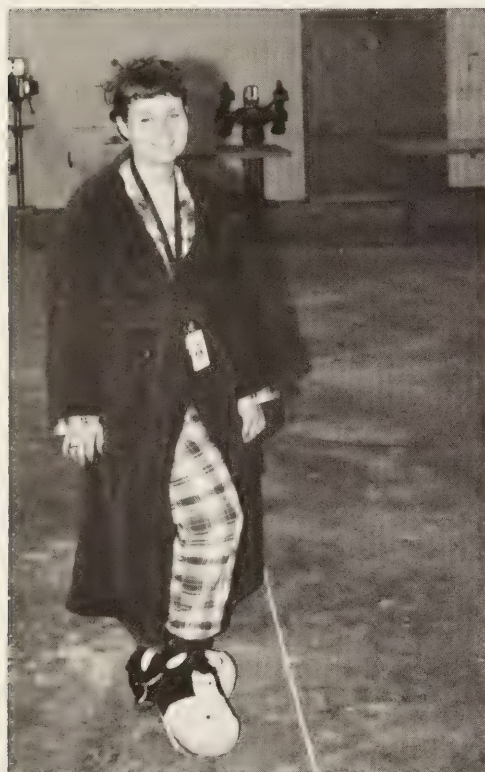
Work on class and club banners had involved students working after school. "I spent about three hours helping with the banner," said Jr. Class Board member **Keith Parker**. "Our theme was about the three other schools coming to together to become one. In the spirit of 'homecoming' I wanted the Jr. class to be well represented."

**Tuesday, Nov. 10.** The Drama Department presented the schools first play, "Working" a musical one act. In the tradition of a dinner theater, a spaghetti dinner was served prior to the show. "I like the play in general, but the singing was really good," **Amy Hamblet**.

**Friday, Nov. 13 - at Legion Field- Powder Puff Football Game** - "All my friends were going and a guy I like was cheering," said **Carolyn Zidek** about why she went to the game. "He looked ridiculous, but he made me laugh. Watching the guys cheerlead was the best part. They made fools of themselves. I wouldn't go to any of the games if the real cheerleaders looked like that."



We've got spirit. Sets of look alike outfits were seen all over school on Twin Day. Jermaine Sanders shows off his notebook to look-alike friends, Justin Patton, Billy Grantz and Erik Martin. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.

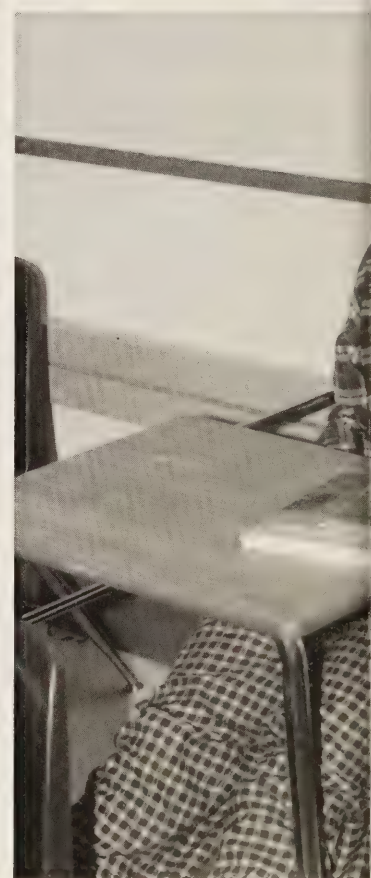


You're never too old. One of the few faculty members to both remember and participate on Monday was Mrs. Allen. "Dressing up during spirit week is a way for me to show my school spirit and encourage my students to be proud of their school," she said. Photo by Craig Goldstein.

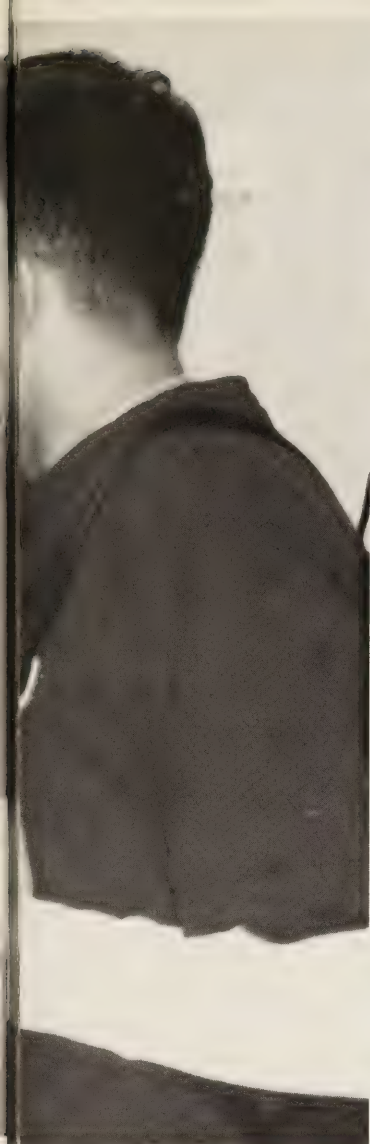


Camo Day. During Mrs. McCrary's fifth period Spanish III class, a spirited Shannon Lucas and Mrs. McCrary work together on a class assignment. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.

Comfort no style. Monday's P.J. theme was a day suited for comfort allowing students to literally roll out of bed and be ready for school. At relaxed Casey McDonald sits and listens in Driver's Ed. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.







Aloha. Hawaiian Day, Nov. 17, gave students a chance to pull out their shorts and sandals. Stevi Antosh added her favorite tropical print shirt and a plastic version of a floral lei. *Photo by Jamelle Walker.*

Heads up. Students were given a chance to legally break the school's no hat rule on Hat Day. Renee Keeler sports her rain repellant headgear. *Photo by James Blackburn.*



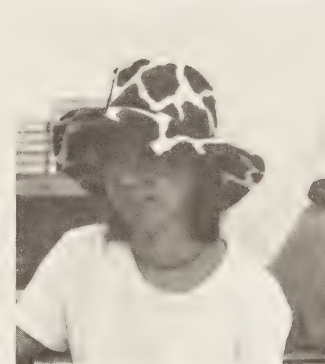
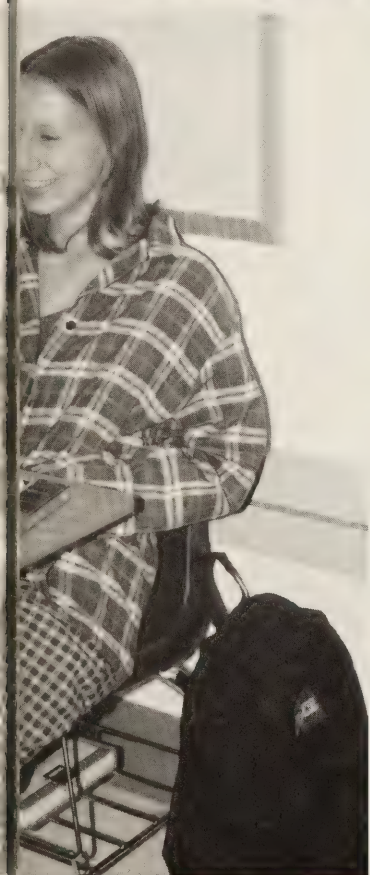
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Pajama Day - "You get to be comfortable," said **Shannon Vitarius** of her favorite day during the week long event. [The week] gives you a different way to express yourself and you get to be comfortable on pajama day."

About Spirit Weeks - "I like them a lot, they're just fun," said **Shae Wisknewski**. "You get to laugh at what all your friends wear and they get to laugh at you. It takes you out of the routine. [I wish they had one] maybe one day a month."

Hat Day - "I received my hat as a gift because they know I like cows," said **Krystal Kasen** about the origin of her head gear. "I dressed up for all the days, but one," she added. "I didn't have any camo stuff. I like [spirit days] alot. They're fun and it gives you something different to look at every day."



Life's a dance. Colt Hagmaier and date Renee Eldridge join Queen Nikki Cunningham and date Ted Berna following the ceremony. "I liked the music alot," said Hagmaier.



The crowning touch. Following the coronation, Queen Nikki Cunningham and King Charlie Cook take to the floor for pictures and a dance. . The seniors learned of their victory at the football game on Friday night.



Making a grand entrance. Breaking through the the streamers which separated the dance area from the foyer, sophomores Keleah Souers-Beck and Allyson Williams-Mele.

Look here, now smile. Straightening up her date's boutinier, junior Courtney Danielson makes sure Nathan Nash looks just right for the couple's homecoming picture. A medium price package was \$36.





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"I THOUGHT THE MUSIC WAS REALLY GOOD,"-JEN SAEMANN



It got cold and by the time **Nicole Lansden** and **Mike Gathers** got into the dance, Lansden was wearing Mike's coat.

"We got here around 8:00 p.m.," said Lansden and we had to stand outside for awhile."

When **Devin Wright** and date **K.C. Cowser** arrived at 10:00 couples could walk inside and the wait had shortened to several minutes.

"Students had to sign in, on sheets of paper by grade," Wright said as an effort to prevent students from other schools from attending unless they were a student's guest.

"The music was really good, we danced the whole time," said **James Blackburn**. "It was really hot though, so we had to stop dancing every ten minutes or so to get something to drink."

Lansden, who began getting ready for her first high school

formal at 4:00 p.m., didn't get to stay long.

"The couple that we drove with, his date got sick, so we left about 9:00 p.m. I went to Mike's [her date's] house for a while and then my dad picked me up at 11:30 p.m.," she said.

"I didn't have to be home until 12:30 p.m."

Court member **Reed Fairchild** had an exciting evening even before the dance began.

"Before the dance there were about seven of us riding in two cars. We were going to meet at my sister's house for pictures. When we got there, my brother was there; but when we went to leave, he had no car. We thought someone had stolen it, but he didn't put it park and it rolled down the hill," Fairchild said.

He finally arrived, later than planned, but in time to take part in the coronation ceremony Fairchild said he was surprised

by his victory.

"Most of the freshman [class] came from Thornburg," Fairchild said. "I was one of the ten who came here from Spotsy Middle."

Many students had dinner before coming to the dance. Blackburn and seven of his friends were treated to a dinner at the home of **Cliff Campbell**.

"It was really good," Blackburn said.

Lansden and Gathers went to Sakura, a popular restaurant where chefs prepare food in the center of the table.

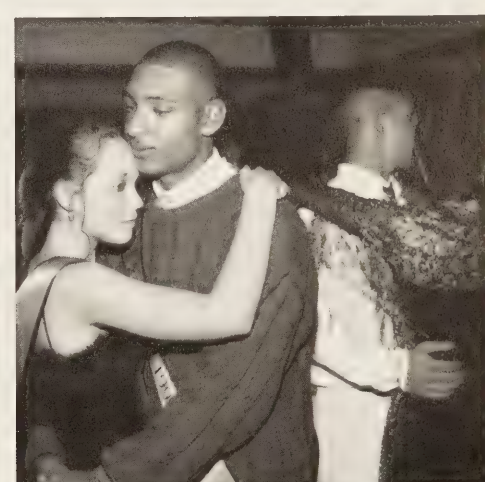
Regardless of where they ate, both agreed it was a night to remember.

"It wasn't as decorated as the fall formal I went to last year [at Chancellor]," Blackburn said. "But the music was better."

Lansden didn't agree.

"I'd ask them to play more slow songs," she said. "We only danced once."

*by Sandy Woodcock*

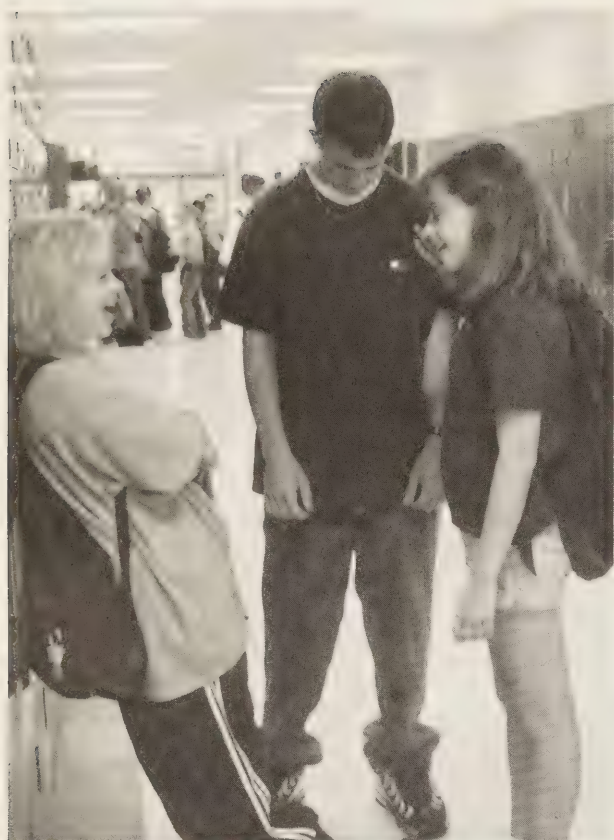


Beat 'em. Grabbing the title Lord and Lady of the Freshman Class, Summer Wells and Reed Fairchild join in the coronation dance. "I wasn't really expecting it [to win]," said Fairchild.

Patience pays off. The wait to enter the dance was lengthy and moved slowly. Freshman Kristen Malove and date Will Lyon await their turn to enter. "We waited a while," said Malove. "And I got cold."



With pen in hand. Free time in class was put to good use. Shannon Lucas writes a note to a classmate. More freshman than upperclassmen preferred writing notes. *Photo by James Blackburn.*

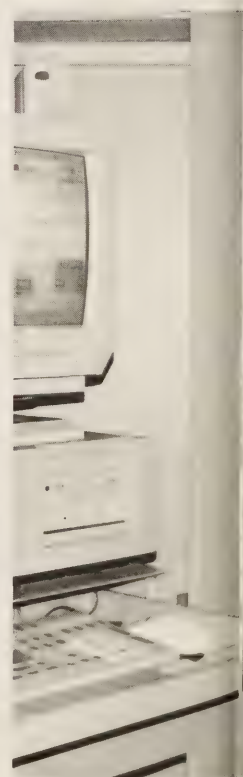


Said who? Exercising face to face communication, Jennifer Atkins, Tiffany Williams, and Cory McGhee talk to each other in the halls before class. *Photo by Kristine Rivas.*



Hello, hello. Phones were voted the number one most used form of communication. Commons area payphones got a workout day and night. Leah Finley and Jenn Keller take some time at the Homecoming dance to call home. *Photo by Gurbara.*

Only two hands. To some people, phones and computers went hand in hand. Freshman Whitney Clark communicates by phone and by internet at the same time. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*





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## "KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH MY FRIENDS IS IMPORTANT TO ME," ALLISON SAPP

She let her fingers do the walking and the talking as she logged on to her e-mail account for her weekly message to Dad, Tom.

The time of day and the time difference between their two homes, doesn't matter said **Shannon Lally**.

"When ever I have some spare time," Lally said about when she composes her weekly message. "E-mail comes free with my internet service. It cuts down on my phone bills and his phone bills too. If I didn't have e-mail I wouldn't talk to him as much."

Instructor **Sandra Woodcock** to has become e-mail dependent as an easy, inexpensive way to stay in contact with her daughter, Meghan.

"With e-mail we can send a message each day," she said. "Virginia Tech [where Meg attends] requires that every freshman has a computer and students get free on-line service."

I would never have called her as often as I e-mail her, Woodcock added. "Our phone bills would have been enormous plus she's hard to catch in her room at a time when I have time to talk with her. I e-mail her early in the morning before I leave for school, then she can read it and respond whenever she has time."

The telephone remained a popular choice.

Every evening **Allison Sapp** finished her homework and other duties, then headed up-

stairs to talk on the phone.

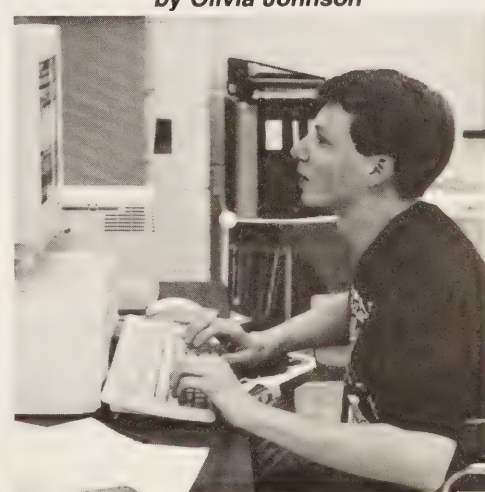
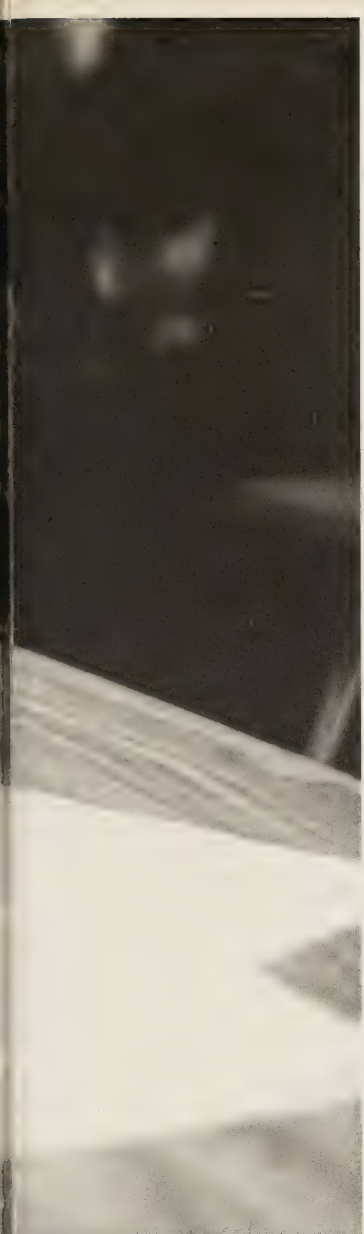
"I usually talk on the phone to at least four or five people for two or three people a night," said Sapp.

Keeping in contact with my friends is important to me and most of the time I really don't have time during the day between classes to talk to them for a long period of time, so I do it on my own time," she said.

For students who were on the run, cellular phones were a plus.

"I love my phone because I don't have to sit at my house and wait for people to decide what's going on during the weekends, they can just call my cell phone and I can be out doing other things," said Jo-Al Simmerman.

by **Olivia Johnson**



Working on the web. After school Matt Smith works on making a Latin homepage to put on the web. "I think it's valid that people know what our purpose is" said Smith. Photo by Kaya Wilson.

Is anybody listening? At home free time provided students a chance to stay in touch by phone. Anne Griffey doesn't wait until she gets home, but talks to a friend while waiting after school. Photo by Colt Hagmaier.



And the winner is. Recalling the JV Field Hockey season, Coach Amy Bernard hands out awards at the Winter Sports Banquet on Dec. 2. A pot-luck supper was held before the banquet with players treated to a meal provided by parents. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*



The winds of war. During the Civil War Re-enactment on Dec. 1, Ronald Hawkins of Newburg, Maryland played the part of Confederate Lieutenant General James Longstreet. Hawkins explained the various parts of his authentic uniform and demonstrated firearms. *Photo by Kristine Rivas.*



Another cup of coffee. Seniors Walt Williams and Kingsley Wright enjoy breakfast at Old Country Buffet. "It was nice to get us all together so we could have a good time," Kingsley said. "It was nice to have some time to talk to our friends. In school there isn't that much time to talk." *Photo by Jason Miller.*

Killing time. Between chorus groups at Christmas Concert Dec. 7, Chris Kenney and Gene Mills sing with the guys of the Vox Humana advanced choir. Adding humor to the show, the guys sang a "The Rest Room Door Said Gentlemen" to the tune of the more traditional "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*







All wrapped up. During the Spanish Club Holiday party, member Nichole Kosco unwraps the gift she chose during the gift exchange. *Photo by Colt Hagmier.*

Artificially speaking. Civil War Re-enactor Susan Miller shows students her collection of Civil War era clothing. A Fredericksburg native, she was the only woman attending the event. *Photo by John Dodd.*



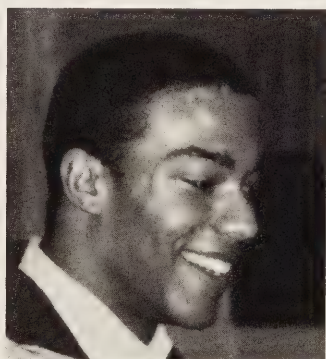
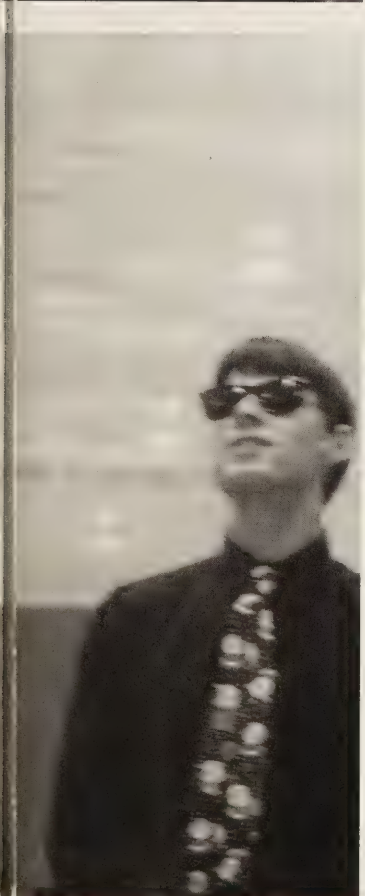
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Fall athletes were honored at a Sport's Banquet held on Dec. 2.

"I received the Coaches Award. I did everything the coach said. I always worked hard in practice," said **Kevin Morin**. "I broke my foot early in the season and didn't complain, the healing was fast, it took four weeks instead of six. Even though I had a broken foot, I still came to every practice. The coach gave me the award because I'm tough."



On December 4, history came to life for students when Civil War re-enactors spent the day encamped behind the academic wing. Special Ed. instructor Michele Coffman planned the event and extra uniforms were provided for faculty members.

"I wanted to be a Yankee. I love New York," said instructor **Brandon Cooley**. "I was born a Yankee and will die a Yankee and I got to shoot a real gun."



The Class of '99 held a Senior Breakfast on Dec. 11.

"It was a good time hanging out with friends. The best thing was that we missed the first three periods and those are my hard classes," said **Jacob Lease**. "I'd like to see more Senior privileges and the cook-out we were promised if we came to school on the Senior Skip Day that was the 19th day of school."



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"THE TOP THREE PICKS FOR THE YEAR'S FAVORITES"

## ...movies

- 1 The Waterboy
- 2 Austin Powers
- 3 Titanic

## ...tv shows

- 1 Dawson's Creek
- 2 The Simpson's
- 3 Friends

## ...songs

- 1 Can I Get A...- Jay Z
- 2 Iris- Goo Goo Dolls
- 3 Killing in the Name of- Rage Against the Machine

## ...bands

- 1 Sublime
- 2 Wu-Tang Clan
- 3 Bush

## ...places to eat

- 1 Ruby Tuesday
- 2 Denny's
- 3 Waffle House

## ...places to go on a date

- 1 The Movies
- 2 A Party or Dance
- 3 Dinner

## ...places to shop

- 1 Old Navy
- 2 Hecht's
- 3 The Gap

## ...colors

- 1 Blue
- 2 Green
- 3 Purple

## ...days of the week

- 1 Friday
- 2 Saturday
- 3 Wednesday

## ...things to do on the weekend

- 1 Hang Out With Friends
- 2 Sleep
- 3 Chill At Home

Compiled by Jennifer Klarman and Jenn Ziegler

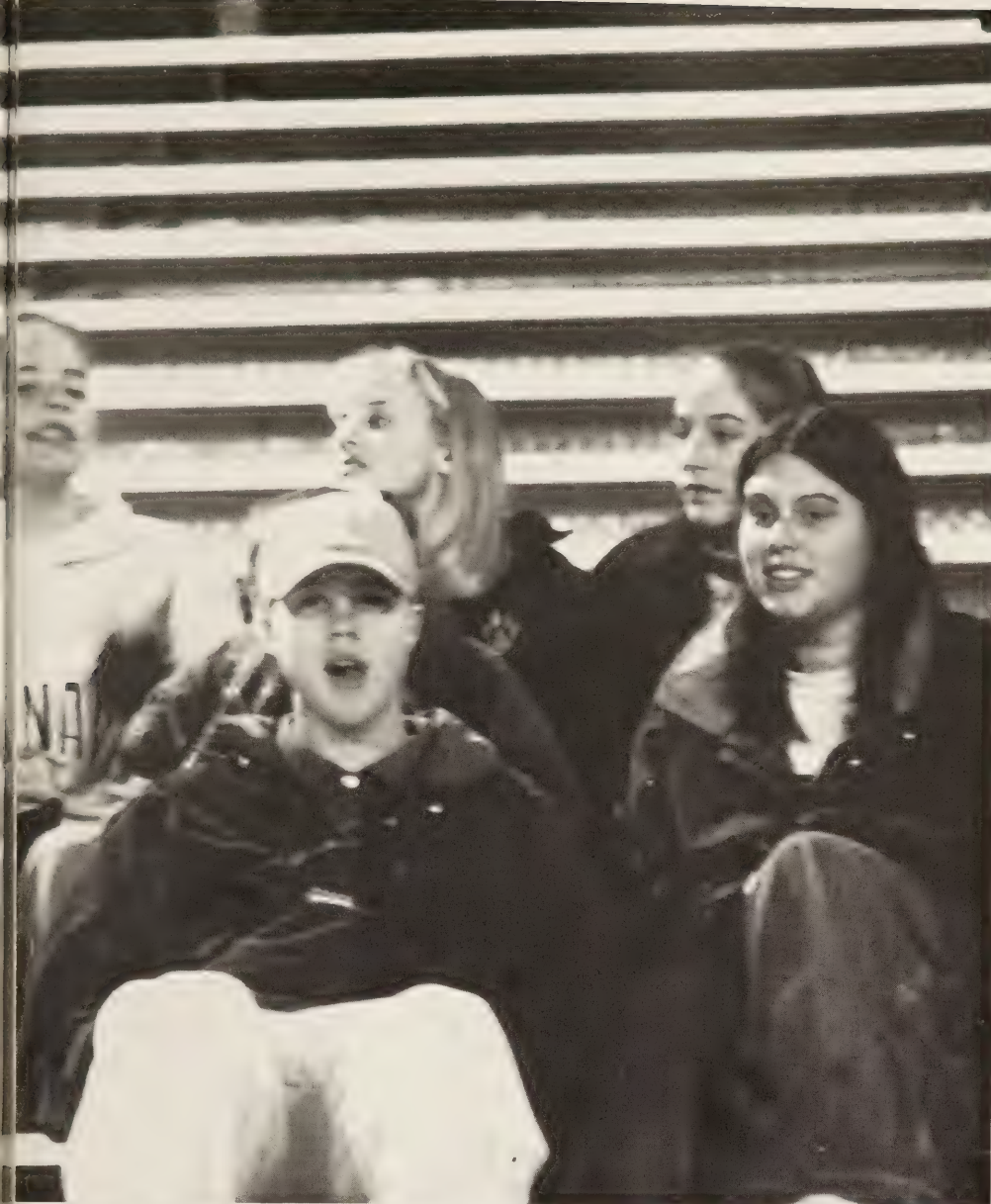


The majority of people spend their weekend sleeping but Trey Harvey, Scott Starnes and John Leuhrs have other plans on a sunny afternoon. The three skateboard on home made ramps. Photo by John Dodd.

Can I Get A... ranked first on our survey of top three songs. Jay Fairchild can be seen listening to Jay Z on his cd player. Photo by Jenni Ziegler.



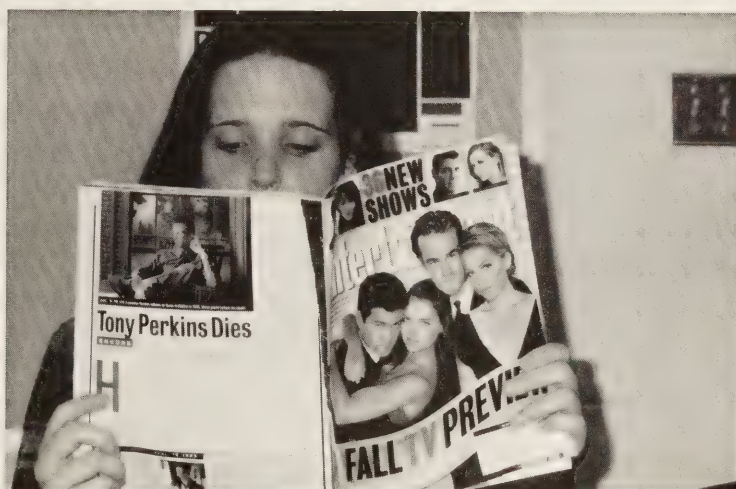
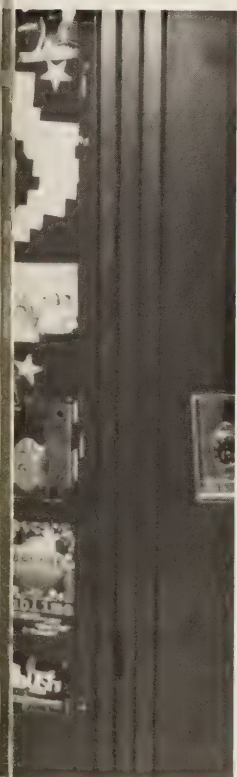




A group of freshmen shiver during a football game, all for the sake of "hanging out" with friends. The most popular thing to do on a weekend. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



Sophomore Renee Keeler shows support for her favorite band during her first period class. Bush was third on the overall list. *Photo by Jenn Ziegler.*



Jennifer Klarman's locker is a showcase of her favorite things. Including her favorite bands, Sublime and Bush, who ranked numbers one and three respectively. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*

Passing the time by, Sarah Moran reads a magazine in her fourth period class which featured Dawson's Creek. It is her favorite show and was the overall winner for its category. *Photo by Jenn Ziegler.*



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**"...TO PROMOTE A KINDER, GENTLER SCHOOL SETTING,"  
DEBRA CORBIN.**

She tidied up the cafeteria, helped take inventory, washed boards and stapled papers.

"Study hall was boring and had too many people," **Heidi Darmour** said about why she became an aide for Mrs. Fuller.

"And you get to do other things besides homework," she added. "I enjoy the freedom of roaming the halls with a pass."

**Anne Payne Bulluck** became a teacher's aide for much the same reasons as Damour.

"Study hall is boring," she said, adding that the best thing about the job was "the freedom that comes with being an aide."

"My aides are invaluable," said instructor **Peggy Fuller**.

"They multiply my productivity by about six times. They free me up to do other tasks and they are a joy to have around."

Both girls said they felt appreciated for their efforts, a welcome reward for their efforts.

Random acts of kindness were rewarded in February through a program, KISS, started by DECA.

"We got the idea from another chapter," said sponsor **Debra Corbin**. "DECA has four points in its logo, one is social intelligence. The chapter conducts projects for each of the points."

The idea was to reward stu-

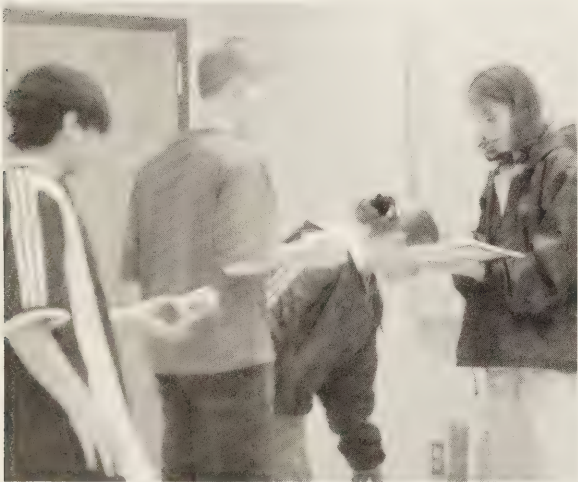
dents who performed kind deeds in a effort to promote "a kinder, gentler school setting, a nicer place to be," Corbin said.

Teachers filled out forms commending students for performing such tasks as cleaning up spills and carrying boxes.

Response was good according to Corbin. Teachers recommended students who were rewarded with a card and a Hersey's Kiss. At the end of February one student was chosen to receive a \$5 gift certificate for the school store.

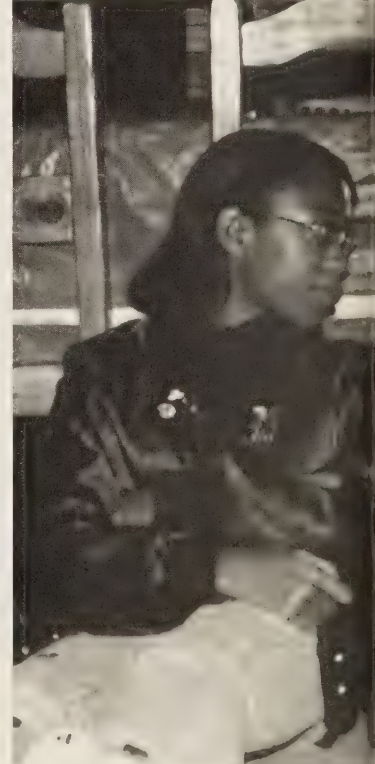
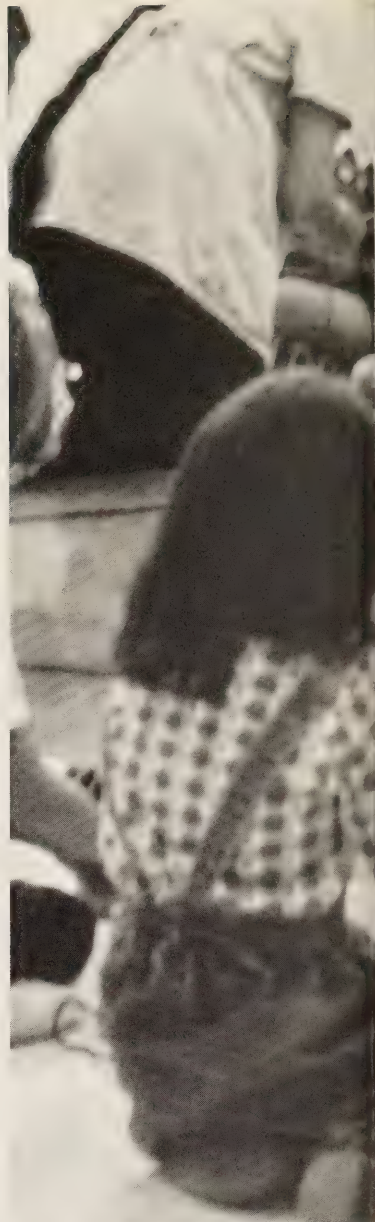
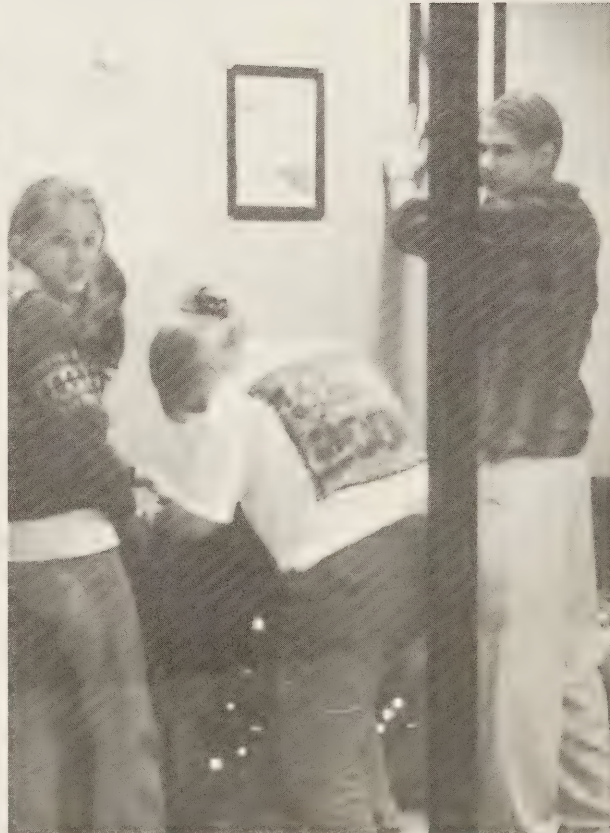
"It's something we may do for the rest of the year," she said.

by Sandra Woodcock



It's better to give. A food drive held before Thanksgiving collected donations for the Spotsylvania Food Bank. Samantha Mitchell and classmates make donations during Ms. Irving's class.

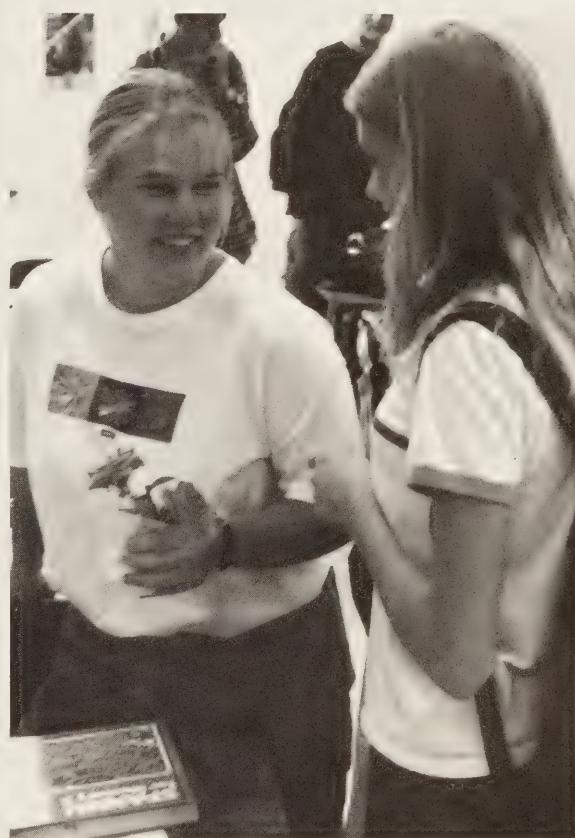
Show not tell. Elaine Fugee, Catherine Walden, and Shawn Jacobs put the finishing touches on an art showcase. Photo by S. Woodcock.







Lending a little help. Key Club member Lindsay Harmon helps out with afternoon enrichment classes at Courthouse Elementary School. The sessions were two hours long and included arts and crafts activities. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*



The blossom of friendship. Catherine Walden shows off roses from a bush "we planted together." Friend Shannon Voss brought in the cut flowers. *Photo by Colt Hagmier.*



Helping out. Usually on weekends Jamelle Walker spends time supervising her foster brother Colby, 7. "He's hard to keep track of," she said about the task. "I do it while my Grandmother goes out on errands. *Photo by Jamelle Walker.*

Will work for food. Students helped staff unload furniture delivered after school began. Mr. Coon and Mr. Thompson said 'thank you' with a pizza party. Nick Thomas and Matt Palmer eat the 'fruit' of their labor. *Photo by Allen Griffey.*



War games '98. Students attempting to keep their competitive juices flowing spent time playing war games with paintball guns. Ryan Westveer takes aim at an opponent during a weekend game. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*

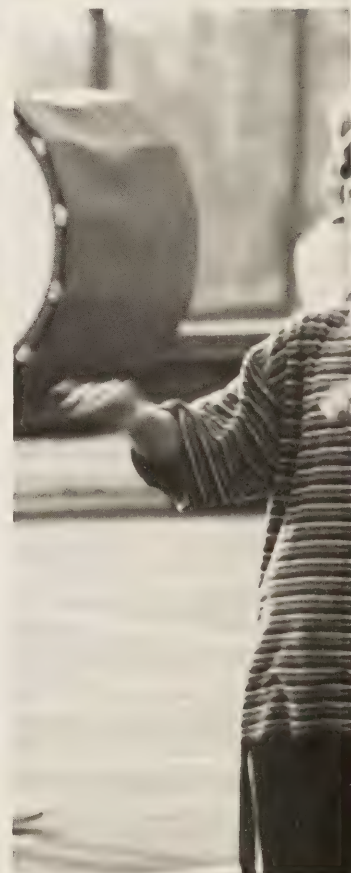


A spider or a fly. While collecting bugs for his Biology II Seminar project, Richie Grau looks for a needed species. Students had to collect a specific list of insects, dry and mount them for display and examination. *Photo by Allen Griffey.*

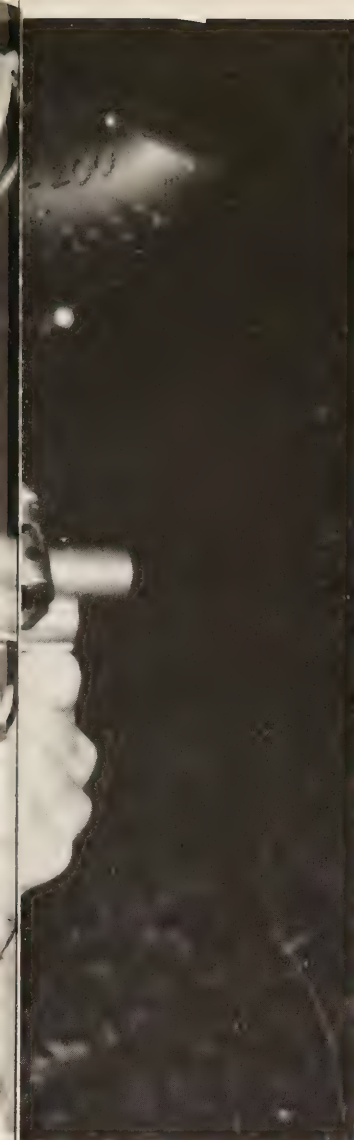


Here she comes. For three days Fredericksburg beauty contestants rehearsed for the Fredericksburg parade. Nichole Lansden and other contestants practice Saturday before the parade. *Photo by Mike Lansden.*

In rain or shine. Marching band practiced three days a week for two months in the fall perfecting their performances at football games and weekend competitions. Drum Major Eugene Mills leads the group during one of its four hour practices. *Photo by Kristine Rivas.*







Airborn. Skateboarder Scott Starnes jumps three stacked skateboards and then coasts away. Skateboarding was a frequent activity at the Levall's Crossing home of Nick Thomas. Photos by John Dodd.

Working on the rail. September afternoons were spent practicing boarding moves. Trey Harvery prepares to jump on then slide the metal rail.



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**"I LIKE RISKING MY BOY TO HAVE FUN ON MY BIKE,"  
- JUSTIN NEWTON**

At 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning soccer goalie **Chris Petrie** was on the road, traveling as 50 miles to participate games for the Fredericksburg Hotspurs White team.

"I don't mind," Petrie said about his inability to sleep late as most of his friends do on weekend mornings.

"I love to play," he adds. This was Petrie's seventh season to play.

"I hope to play when I get out of high school. Maybe for UVA, UCLA, UNC or Duke because they have the best college teams."

Sometimes the activities became almost an obsession.

Devin Wright, he plays soccer for school and out of school on

the Prince William Magic. "I just love to play, its in my blood," said eleventh grader Devin Wright, "Its just so much fun to play."

Some outdoor activities needed more than one person.

"I like playing paintball, but you can't play with just one person and its hard to get everyone together at the same time to play," said **Pete Servel**.

"My whole family plays paintball, except my mom," Servel added.

But organized activities weren't for everyone.

"I first started riding horses just to ride, but now I ride in competition and everyone is very competitive," said **Katie Streef**.

"I like skateboarding because its fun to learn new tricks on my board," said **Chris Barksdale**, "I like to know that when I fall or make a mistake I can get back up and try again."

"I like riding my bike because sometimes I get really messed up when I wreck," said **Justin Newton**, "I like risking my body to have fun on my bike."

And then there were those who enjoyed older more traditional pastimes.

"Hunting is fun because you get to shoot at things and its something my dad got me into," said eleventh grader Glen Grau.

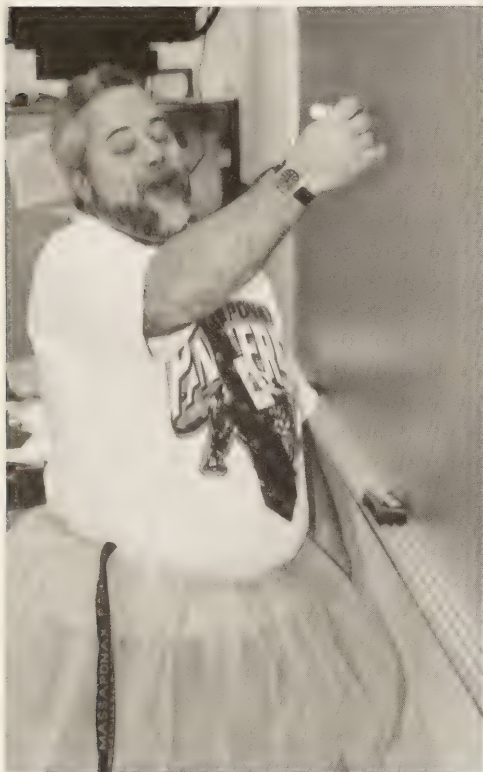
"I like fishing and canoeing except in the winter I can't do them," said Chris Lachaz.

by **Floyd Wood**





During the holiday season in December, Massaponax raised more than \$800 for the Salvation Army Shoe Fund. The Fund gave faculty members a chance to dress up for the holidays. Mr. Woodside in his reindeer custom and Mr. Wolfe as the Panther mascot pose with Gaynell Ely during lunch. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*



Teaching in a tutu can get some laughter. Mr. Shinberger wore his costume in support of the Latin Club's fundraiser for the Salvation Shoe Fund. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*

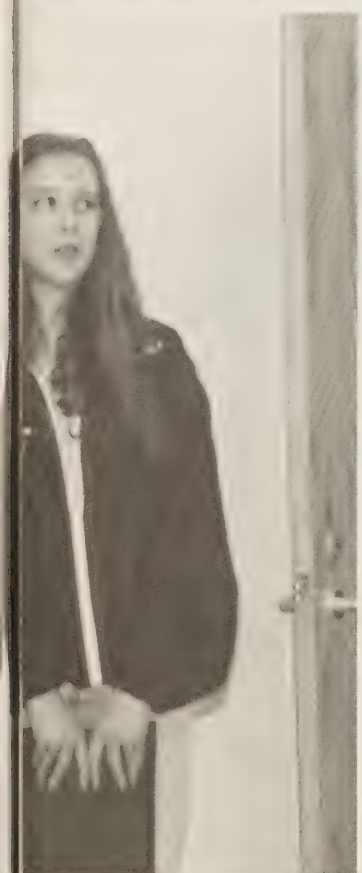


The holiday giving tree which was set up in the office was cut down by Mr. Gray. He gets up after cutting down the selected tree at the Christmas tree farm, La Vista. *Photo by Elita Walker.*

The last day of school before the Christmas break came around the chorus class singing Christmas carols. Andera Price and Amanda Hayden sing to Mrs. Woodcock's 7th period class. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*







Deck the heads with bells and antlers. Taking a few minutes to get in the Holiday spirit, at the urging of Mrs. Woodcock, Lawrence Suggs tries on the classroom antlers.

Receiving gifts during the holiday season is always fun. Katie Ackley gets a gift from one of her friends during her lunch shift. Photo by S.Woodcock.



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During the holiday season, Massaponax was busy putting the school into the holiday spirit. Everyone from the faculty to the students were bit by the Christmas bug. Students exchanged gifts and faculty dressed up in costumes. The Latin Club collected money for the Salvation Army Shoe Fund. The students raised over \$1,000. Mr. Woodside dressed as a reindeer and Mr. Wolfe became the Panther with a holiday flare. Mr. Gray and Mrs. Holland transformed into Mr. and Mrs. Clause and for \$500 Mr. Child received a pie in the face. Finally, Mr. Th-

ompson put on his tights and jumped into his elf suit once we reached our goal, \$800.

Along with the Salvation Army Shoe Fund, Massaponax had a giving tree. Students donated articles of clothing and placed it on a tree that Mr. Gray cut down himself. All clothing collected went to the Thurman Homeless Shelter and to the Hope House. The freshman class also donated to the homeless shelter by making candy bags.

On December 18th, the SADD sponsored Keep Your Headlights On for the day in remembrance of all drunk

driver victims that have died. The Key Club was involved in Operation Joy along with the other local high schools. Various clubs and classes got into the mood though volunteering and other acts of kindness.

After all of the celebrations and community service, Massaponax treated itself to some fun. The choir and band held a winter concert, that was an instant hit. The Drama Department held a Swing Dance Night, which allowed the students to show off their talents. After all said and done, Massaponax had a memorable first Christmas together.

*By Shannon Lally*



JANUARY 1999

# LIFE & TIMES

**"This years snow at least got us out of school for two days,"  
Justin Nissley.**

**Thursday, January 7- PSAT Results Arrive-** Students and parents were invited to an open house, where PTSA scores of their were explained. They were also given information on possible college opportunities.

"If there's one thing I hate, it's the PSATs. It took forever and it really rack's my brain," said junior **Seth Myers.**

**January 9-10- Snow Cancels School-** A moderate sized storm covered area roads in

snow and ice. County schools were delayed an hour on Thursday, January 11 because of the leftover slush. Some students were disappointed with the length of the break.

"With all those left over, unused snow days, why can't we just use them for early dismissals?" said **Kevin Morin.**

Others were just grateful for the time off.

"This year's snow at least got us out of school for two

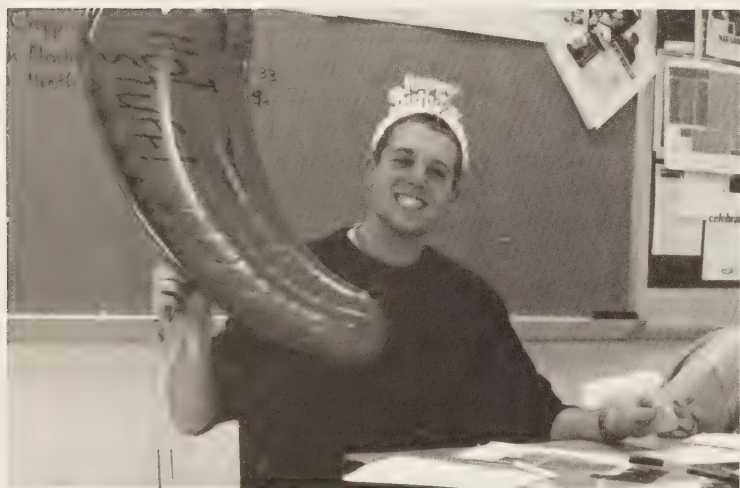
days," said **Justin Nissely.**

**Tuesday, January 20- Wizard of Oz Auditions-** Auditions for the spring play, The Wizard of Oz were held.

**January 27-29 - Mid-Term Exams -** Snow dances were unsuccessful and students took exams as scheduled.

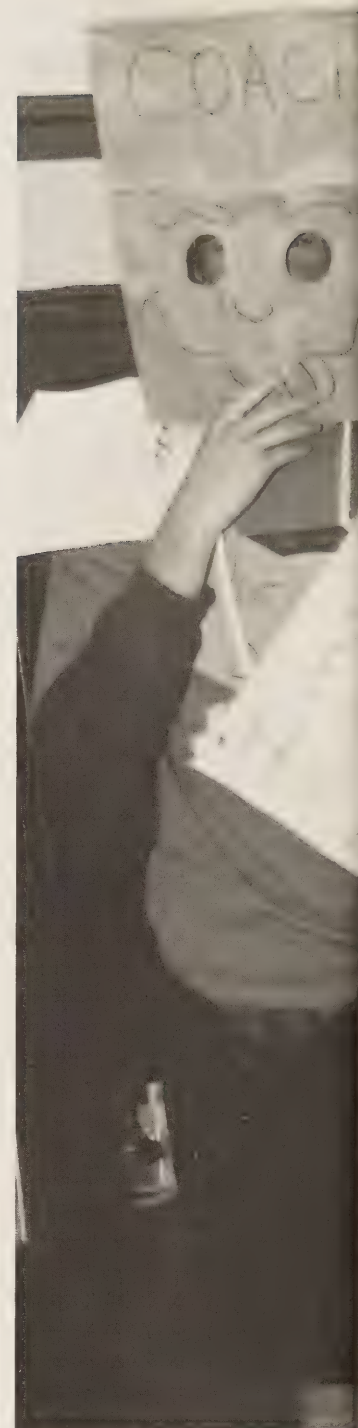
Moments of relief were provided by dismissal bells which rang during the middle of some exam periods.

*Matt Smith*

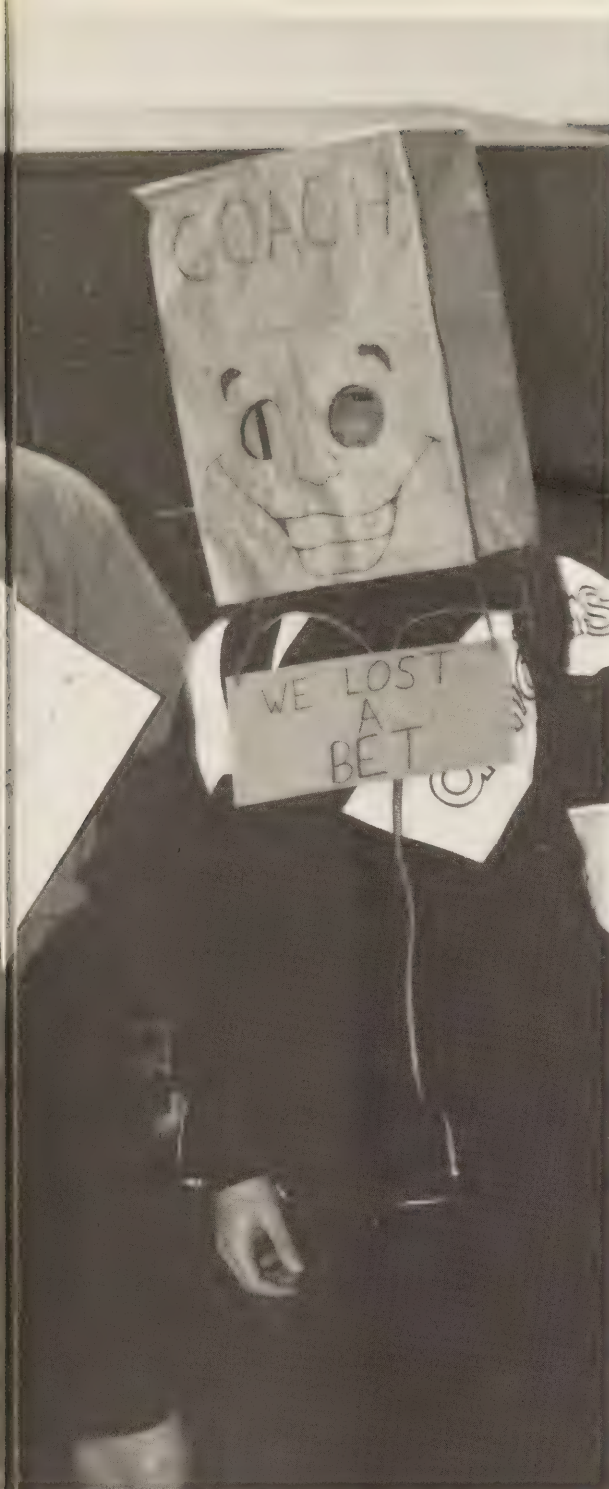


Happy birthday. Wearing the class 'Birthday Crown,' Justin Nissley hangs onto his gift balloon on Jan. 24. "My birthday was a school day," Nissley said. "But my friends gave me a surprise party on Saturday night." Photo by Kaya Wilson.

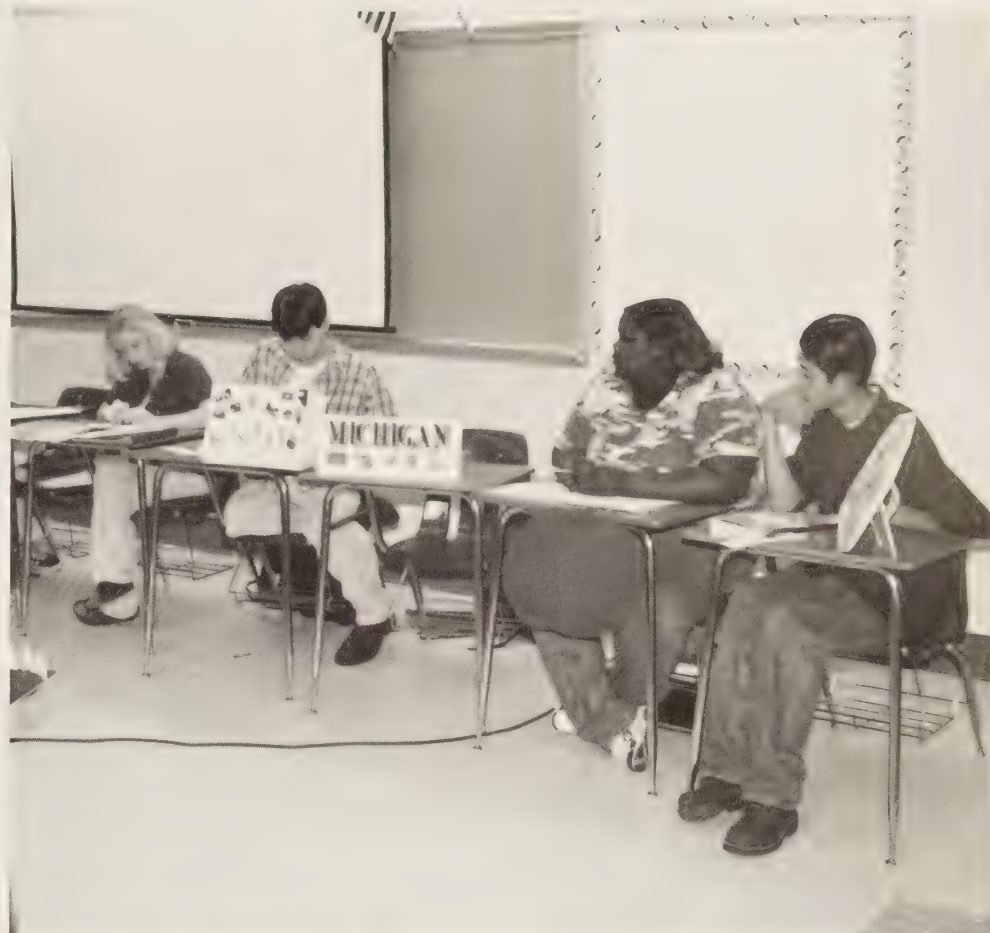
Mid-term Makeup. A victim of the January flu bug, Allison Sapp missed exam week. Exams were made up after school over the next week. "It just prolonged the stress," Sapp said. Photo by S Woodcock.







The buck stops. Living up to the consequences of loosing a bet, Trevor Walsh and John Wassink wear paper bags over their heads and a sign declaring them 'losers.' The two lost a bet with Rachel Spencer over whose Parks and Rec soccer team would win. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*



Taking the floor. During January Government students held a mock Congress. Taking the roll of state senators Jessica Jordan, Eugene Mills, Arianna Harp, and Santiago Rosas wait to present their bill. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*

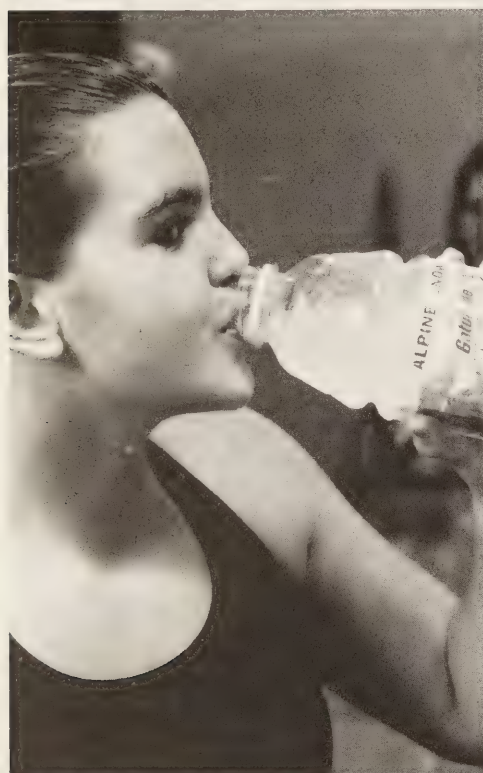


The right moves. Erratic weather brought temperature extremes during the month. Taking advantage of an unseasonably warm January afternoon, Cortez Hudson practices his jump shot. *Photo by Lawrence Suggs.*

Slip sliding away. Taking advantage of a January snow day, Lawrence Suggs joins friends on his neighborhood 'slopes.' *Photo by Lawrence Suggs.*



Without a friend stretching can be boring, but with a friend it can be enjoyable. Kelly Romine and Kendra Hitz stretch together before tennis practice. *Photo by Steven Poirier.*



Refreshing your body is key after any sporting event. Monica Nolan drank gatorade after she swam at Fredericksburg Christian School in a swim meet. *Photo by James Blackburn.*

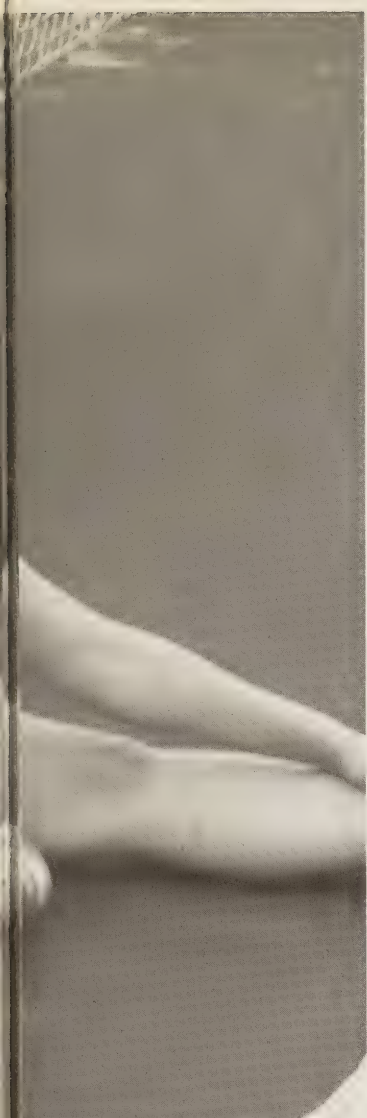


Soccer is one of the biggest cardiac vascular sports. Conditioning for soccer involves extensive running to ready the players for the upcoming season. Before try outs the girls who wanted to play soccer showed up to condition every other day of the week. *Photo by Alex Carrow.*

To raise money for the PTSA, several teachers agreed to dress up like cupid if he or she won the Cupid Contest. Mr. King won the contest and had to wear the outfit all day. His outfit consisted of tights and heart boxers. He carried a basket full of confetti hearts, too. *Photo by PTSA.*







When the school store opened many students came to see what it was all about. Kevin Morin was one of the first students to purchase something from the store from Heather Rollins. Photo by Justin Nessley

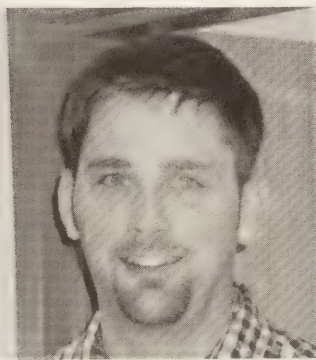
Some fund-raisers were effective during parent teacher conferences. To raise money for the FBLA, they set up a table and collected donations. Photo by Justin Nessley



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### attention getter



"I didn't expect to win, and I didn't mind dressing up because it was for a good cause. The best part about the whole outfit would have to be the boxers, the tights were too cold," said Chemistry instructor **Mr. King**.

**Saturday, February 20- Lend Me a Tenor** - The Drama Club worked very hard to put together their first play. "It was fun putting the play together. We worked very hard for three months and it was worth it," said a play member **Jonathan Eastridge**. "I thought it turned out to be a really good play and a lot of people came to see us perform."

**Wednesday, February 24- Student Faculty Basketball Game** - The teachers finally got their victory after both female and male faculty teams defeated the students in a

friendly game of basketball. "I thought that we were going to win," said boys team member **Jermaine Saunders**. "I think we just got to cocky about winning and they beat us." **Friday, February 12- Cupid Contest** - For a fundraiser for the PTSA, the lucky winner of the contest would have to dress up in tights and boxers and play cupid for the day. The winner and good sports of the contest was Mr. King. "I didn't mind dressing up because it was for a good cause," said **Mr. King**.

by Allison Sapp





FEB. 18-20, 1999

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Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a positive attitude, I worked with a wonderful cast, - **Kristina Stewart**

**Thursday, Feb. 17 - Lend Me a Tenor** - Drama III students presented the comedy production chosen by instructor Kimberly Kemp for its humorous and interesting plot.

The cast worked on the play for six weeks under the direction of **Tonya Cooper** who admitted to "being nervous for four days prior to the play's run." Cooper's fear was unfounded. "Everything went smoothly," Cooper said. "I had a really talented cast to work with."

"I like knowing that the audience is enjoying themselves," said cast member **Charlie Coleman**. "The audience responded at all the right places."

scene + heard



"I liked the beginning of the play, when the lights came up and I knew every eye was on me," said **Jeannie Payne**.

scene + heard



"I really enjoyed singing, during the play, especially with Jonathan Eastridge, it was fun and exciting" said **Jordan Robison**.



Toward the end of Act I, Kelly Jensen and Jeannie Payne sit on the couch and gossip about Tito, played by Jorden Robison and about how handsome and wonderful he is. Photo by S. Woodcock.

At the very end of Act I, Charlie Coleman becomes very frustrated with Ian Kraynack and is ready to strangle him. "It was fun because I like pushing people around." Photo by S. Woodcock.



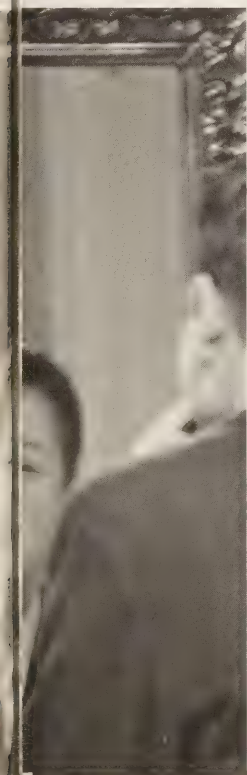




At the end of Act II, Jordan Robison is a little stressed out that his costar Kelly Jensen wants to kiss him. "It was a really funny scene", laughed Jorden Robinson. Photo by S. Woodcock.



Near the end of Act II, Jonathan Eastridge is a little surprised by Chantee' Schuler's act of affection. She is shocked to find out that he really is not Tito, who she thought he was during this scene. Photo by S. Woodcock.



Near the end of Act II, Jonathan Eastridge tried to hurry up and wipe off all his stage make-up before any of his fellow cast members saw. All the actors had to work in quick transition if they were playing multiple roles. Walking around afterwards in makeup isn't always fun either. Photo by S. Woodcock.

In the middle of Act I, Jordan Robison is lying in bed, while Charlie Coleman and Jonathan Eastridge are frantically trying to wake him, they think he is died. "During this scene I thought my life was over" said Charlie Coleman. Photo by S. Woodcock.



FEB. 24, 1999

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“...TO PROMOTE A KINDER, GENTLER SCHOOL SETTING,”  
DEBRA CORBIN.

Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m. - ---In the first game of a two-game series sponsored by the FBLA, women faculty members faced off against a women's student team numbering.

A combination of experience and knowledge and a little help from the refs, led the women faculty to a 37-32 victory.

Proceeds from the game benefitted PROJECT ASK, the Association for the Study of Childhood Cancer.

“I thought it was neat that we [faculty] got to know each other better,” said **Librarian Ann Tinsman**. “We were really a team.”

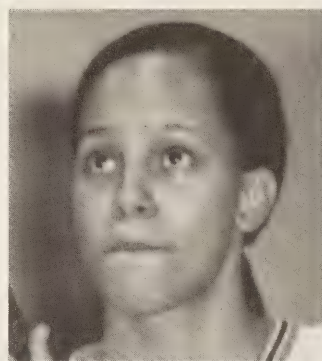
“And we won,” colleague **Janice Craig** added.

I'll drive



“I overestimated the girl's team and they proved to be less of a challenge than I had thought. Let 'em bring it on next year!” -**Mrs. Bennet**

in the hoop



“The faculty had a lot more talent than I originally thought. They actually made the game a challenge. We'll slaughter them next year!” -**Aria Jones**



Take it away. Demonstrating the meaning of defense, faculty player Mrs. Bennet blocks Aria Jones. Referees were generous in not calling fouls. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*

Check it out. Looking for the open 'wo' man, Mrs. Bennet slows down the pace as she looks for a possible pass. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*







Teamwork. Taking a breather, faculty players Ms. Newbill, Mrs. Holland, Ms. Courtney and Mrs. Louderback grab and drink, rest their legs and talk a little strategy. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*



Block that shot. Playing an aggressive defense Letitia Bowler attempts to block faculty player Mrs. Bennet. Most often Mrs. Bennet eluded blocks and successfully passed the ball to Angela Courtney for a score. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*



Gotcha. Successfully stealing the ball from opponent Aria Jones, faculty player Ms. Newbill needs some backcourt help from a teammate as Letitia Bowler tries to block. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*

Words of wisdom? Player/coach Mrs. Holland gives advice to Mrs. Woodcock, Ms. Fisher, Mrs. Tinsman, and Mrs. Craig. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*



Getting Jiggy With It. Student players, Tim Allman and Sydney Brice do a little dance in honor of their much needed basket to have a chance at defeating the faculty. Regardless, the faculty prevailed, winning the game by a large margin. Photo by Craig Goldstein.



Big Papa Pump. This was Mr. Burner's time to shine. The faculty player dribbles anxiously down the court, helping the faculty to their victory over the students. Photo by Craig Goldstein.

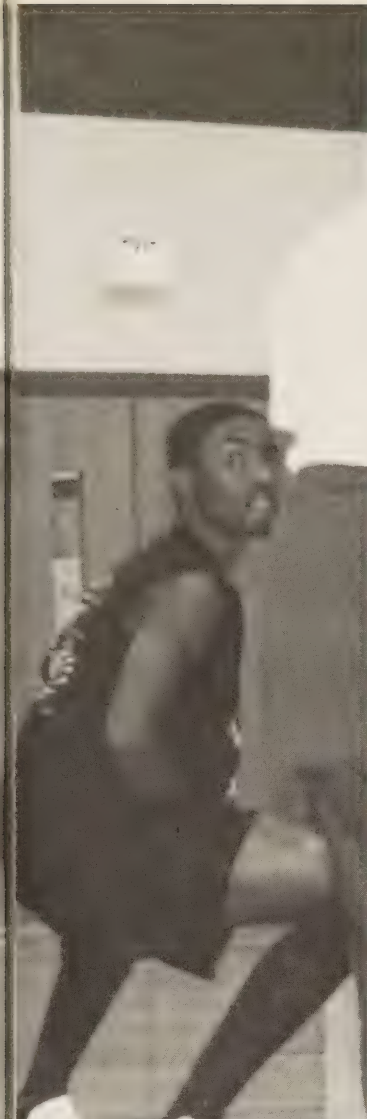


All for one and one for all. Marcus Savoy, Jermaine Saunders, Patrick Daugherty, Ryan Noel, and Marco Samuels prepare to take on the faculty with an intimidating cheer. Photo by Craig Goldstein.

"I felt used by losing to the faculty team," said student player BJ Brooks of the game. Although they lost, BJ got a chance to show his skills as he makes a lay-up. Photo by Craig Goldstein.







Confidence is key. Preparing to make a quick pass, Mr. McMillan insures the shot. "We won of course," he said of both his and his teammates performance. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*

Making the pass. Brandon Carter prepares to pass while being heavily defended by Mr. Via, the varsity girls' basketball coach. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*

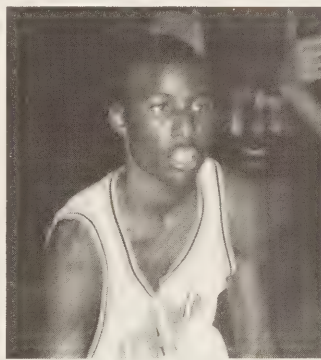


## FBLA FACULTY BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER

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## FACULTY MEN ANNIHILATE STUDENT TEAM BY 36 POINTS

get real



"The worst part [of the game] was that the faculty cheated. They had the referees playing for them," said **Point Guard Brandon Carter**. Carter played for the school JV team and tried out for the student team coached by senior Nate Samuels. Carter scored four points for the student players.

**Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m.** ---- "The student vs. faculty basketball game was a fundraiser to get the students and teachers to interact. It was also to help promote community involvement and all around MHS school spirit," said Mr. McMillan, organizer of the event and player for the faculty team.

Students and teachers talked about the match-up weeks before it even took place. Everyday Algebra teacher Mr. Burner told, his students that the faculty was going to win. The word in the halls was that the students would win.

But the faculty prevailed.

Stories were different about just how the faculty won.

"The referees were payed off by the teachers, I saw it with my own two eyes," said senior game announcer Brad Ellsworth. Of course, the teachers proclaimed that the game was completely clean.

Sophomore Tim Allmond felt differently.

"The faculty cheated and they won. Even though they won dirty," he said of the faculty's 42-16 victory.

Everyone agreed the experience itself was the best part of the game.

Different players had exciting stories on the game's most memorable moment.

"My most memorable experience of the game was when I knocked down Action Jackson, [referring to safety officer Casey Jackson]," said junior B.J. Brooks.

Coach Mc Millan recalled the halftime show being his most memorable moment.

"The highlight of the game for me was the dancers in the halftime show, because it gave the students a chance to show their talents in a way which otherwise could not have been expressed," he said.



Once they made it to regionals, the Academic Team faced tougher opponents than they did in the district. Ben Cox, J.R. Kines, and Daniel Brown listened carefully to the questions given in the second match of regionals. The trio was able to beat Matoca High and stay alive in the double elimination tournament.



Tournaments can be very long and tiring for the Academic Team members. Lindsay Biddinger took time to get some much needed sleep on the bus ride home from Poquoson. The bus left school at 7:00 a.m. and did not return until late that evening from the competition.

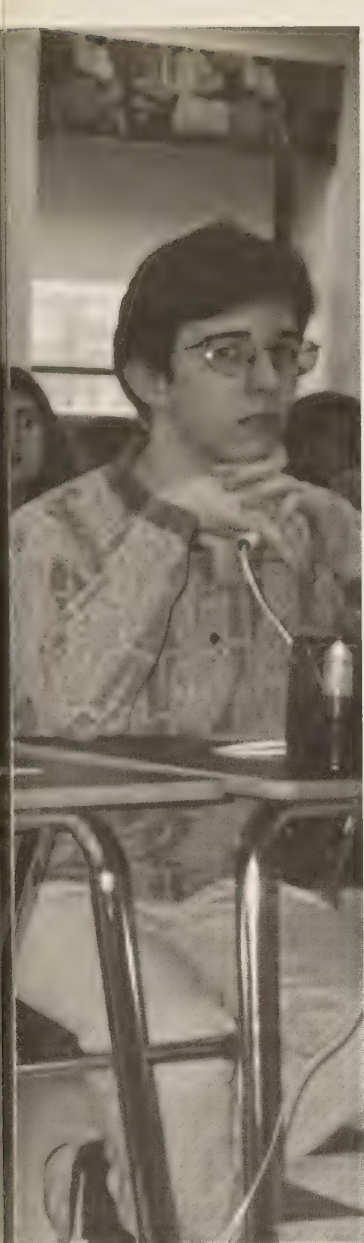


Before the Poquoson competition the Academic team paused for a quick team photo. Front Row: Elizabeth Sabu, Lindsay Biddinger, Daniel Brown. Second Row: Ms. Newbill, Justin Arocho, Casey McDonald, Ms. Brown. Back Row: Ben Cox, Phil Sloan, J.R. Kines, Josh Cox.

The alternating round of a match gives each team a chance to answer their own question without having to buzz in for a toss up question. In the third match of one of their tournaments, Justin Arocho and Josh Cox worked hard on a math question in the alternating round.







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"Academic Team annihilates district competition, moves onto regionals."

one mind



"My favorite part about being on the team was our fast start. We were superior to all the other teams in the district and we beat them by at least 100 points each time we played them."

-- Josh Cox

**Feb. 13, 1999** - The Academic Team with a commanding performance at the district tournament in January. The win gave them a trip to regionals and a chance to go even farther.

"Districts was my favorite part of the season because it was really fun. The people were very nice and the food was delicious, said **Casey McDonald**.

The regional tournament in February was a double elimination competition. After losing their first match, the team beat Matoca High in their next match before losing the third one which eliminated them. However that didn't take anything away from their very successful season.

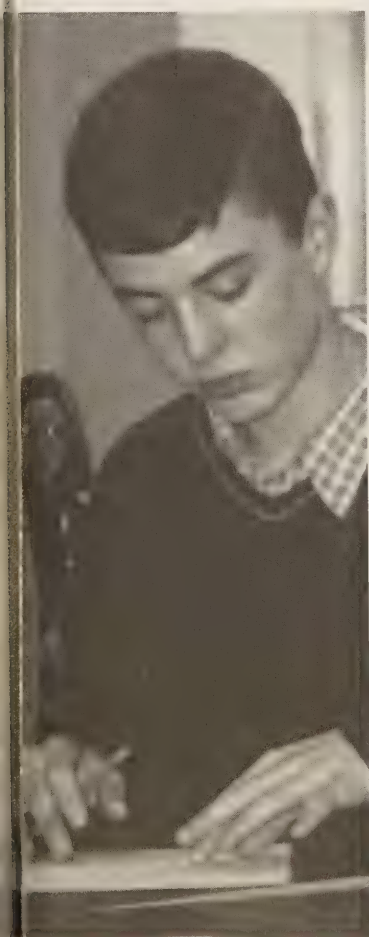
"My favorite activity was the Academic Bowl District Competi-

tion. We played very well, beating the other two teams," said **Jamie Knapp**.

Academic Team competitions quiz students on basic knowledge in a variety of categories. A match is made up of three parts and the winner is judged by accumulation of the most points.

The first and third rounds consist of toss up questions that each team must buzz in to answer. The second round consists of alternating questions. If the team being asked answers incorrectly, the next team is given an opportunity to give the correct answer.

Each time a team answers a question correctly they are awarded ten points. The total number of possible points in a round is 500.



Practices for the Academic Team sometimes involved a great deal of reading and studying. The team had to be prepared for any question that could be given from a variety of categories. Ms. Newbill, one of the sponsors, joined Sasha Miller and Casey McDonald for a study session at one of their practices.

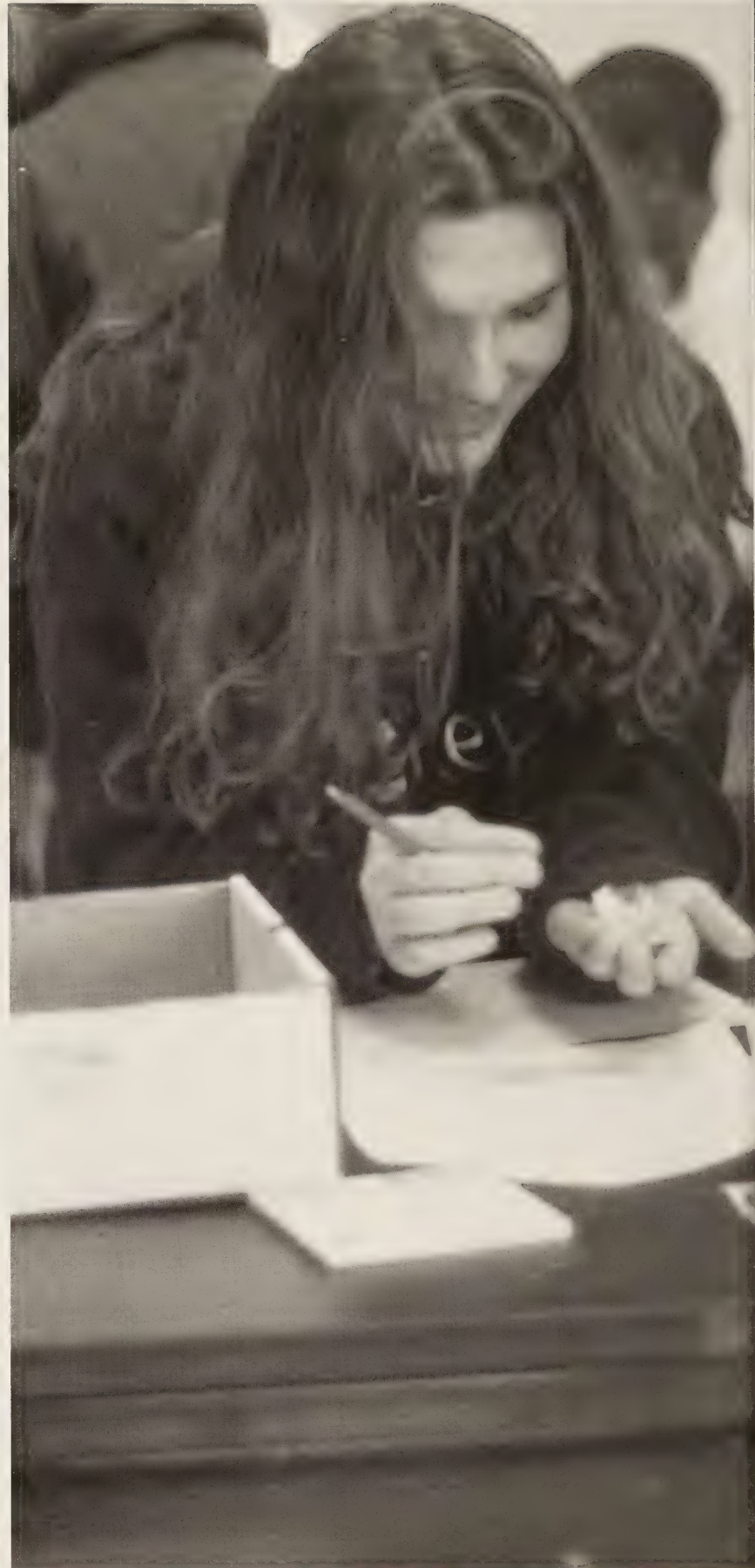


Each day as we entered the classrooms, we brought different anticipations with us. In our favorite classes, we always looked forward to something new and exciting.

In our least favorite classes, those where the workload sometimes exceeded expectations, we endured.

We dreaded our hard classes and breezed through the easy ones. Class by class, whether easy or hard, fun or boring, it was all part of

# *the daily* **grind**







Michelle Jacobs and Rodnesha Jones study minerals during a fourth period assignment. The mineral lab, conducted during the month of December, was part of Mr. Wolfe's earth science class. *Photo by Nicole Lansden*

A Civil War reenactment was held on December 4 in front of the school. Teachers were able to take their students outside to observe. Brian Rector and Joseph Sheets listened to the story of a man on crutches portraying the role of a soldier. *Photo by John Dodd*



Latin students who showed excellent work in the classroom were recognized by their teachers with the opportunity to attend the Latin Convention in Richmond held on November 22 and 23. Second year students Todd Rosenbaum and Matt Herbek created a poster in preparation for the event. The colorful portrait was submitted as part of the spirit contest held during the convention. *Photo by Kaya Wilson*



## CHEMISTRY II

Kids vote Chemistry II most enjoyable

**Class:** Chemistry II  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Villers  
**Enrollment:** 10  
**Credit:** 1

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### What it's all about:

Chemistry II is geared toward college bound students intending to pursue fields in chemistry or the related fields of forestry, engineering, and medicine. The course is designed to provide in-depth and state-of-the-art studies for the academically talented student. Units include biochemistry, chromatography, stoichiometry, nuclear chemistry, gas laws and equilibrium.

### Why it's fun:

"Ms. Villers likes to keep a light atmosphere. It really makes the information easier to digest. We talk about all types of chemistry and chemicals.

--Charlie Cook

**Class:** Adv. English 11  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Gebhart  
**Enrollment:** 79  
**Credit:** 1

14

### What it's all about:

Advanced English 11 is designed for students exhibiting above average skills in language arts. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, individual writing skills, oral presentations, and study of American literature.

### Why it's work:

"It's hard to interpret the meanings behind much of the literature we read."

--Heidi Darmour

"I think the hardest parts of Mrs. Gebhart's class are the research and persuasive papers we write. We also have a lot of oral reports and public speaking practice."

--Jonathan Thomas

## DRAMA III

Drama III most enjoyable

**Class:** Drama III  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Kemp  
**Enrollment:** 18  
**Credit:** 1

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### What it's all about:

In this third year course, creative abilities are refined. Students are required to do independent study. The course includes a detailed study of acting, Shakespeare, voice and diction. Also included is play writing, technical theater, and advanced directing. The course is intended for students hoping to participate in theater on the college level.

### Why it's fun:

"We can do whatever we want to do, and be whomever we want to be"

--Ian Kraynak

"We do a lot of fun activities in Mrs. Kemp's class. We did monologues and a swing dance unit. Our class put on "Lend Me a Tenor", which was really great."

--Kelly Jensen

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## SPANISH I

Spanish I voted Most Difficult

**Class:** Spanish I  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Reddington  
**Enrollment:** 41  
**Credit:** 1

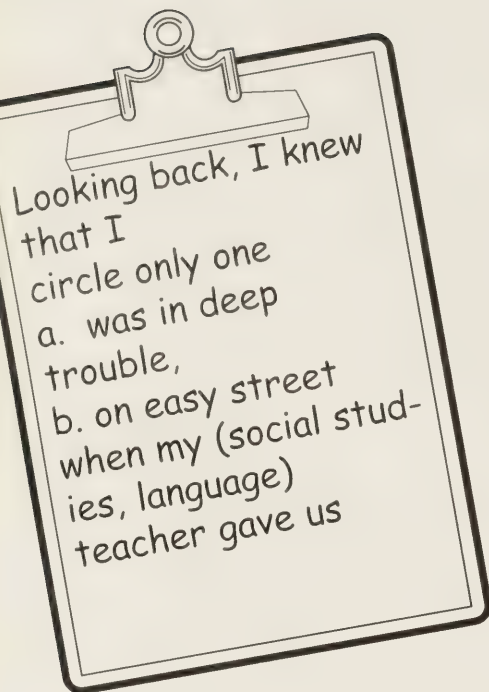
**What it's all about:** Spanish I provides an introduction to the language and culture of the Spanish speaking world. It concentrates on the acquisition of vocabulary and skills to enable the students engage in simple conversation and use the basic grammatical skills and vocabulary. Listening and speaking are emphasized

**Why it's work:** "It's difficult, but not my hardest. Learning all the new verbs and making them agree with their pronouns and nouns has been confusing. We have homework each night and sometimes it takes me up to an hour to complete it. I'm doing well, I have a A or a B, but I've worked harder for it than in some of classes."

-Tiffany Williams

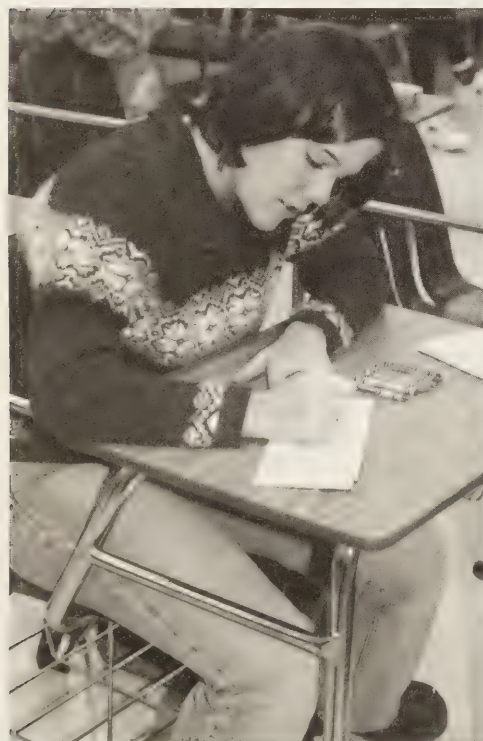
"We're learning a lot of new vocabulary that we have to memorize. I have to study every day. I work the hardest at this one."

--John Sanchez



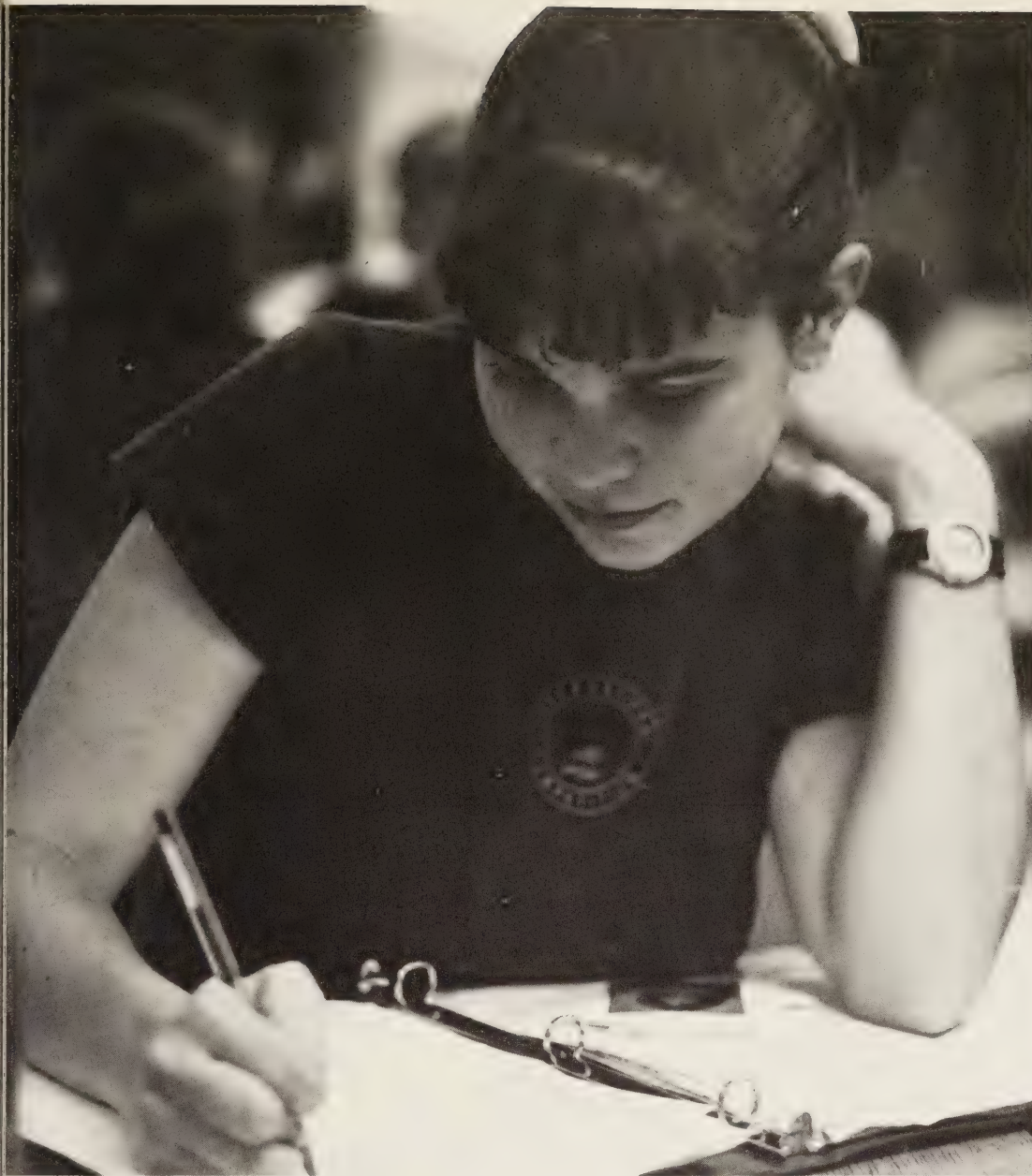
## ADV ENGLISH 11

Kids vote Adv English 11 Most Difficult



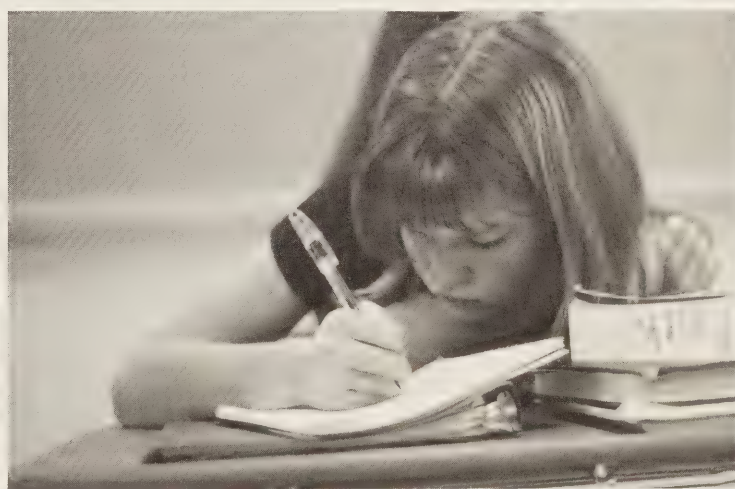
In Mrs. Gebhart's first period Adv. English 11 class, junior Julia Shiesser replies to an elementary student's letter to Santa. Photo by Sarah Bryant.





While on her lunch shift, Tara Hedrick, like other students, studies for upcoming class on November 19. *Photo by Chris Petrie.*

Hitting the books. Working on homework in the commons area before school, Loren Graveline finishes up an assignment. *Photo by Jennifer Bock.*



With calculator and textbook prepared, student Ryan Hall concentrates on his studies in Mrs. Newton's 3rd period Geometry class. *Photo by Kenneth Teets.*

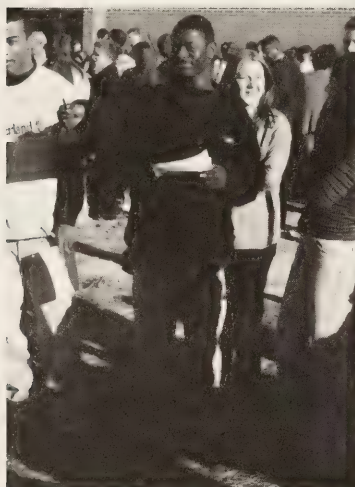
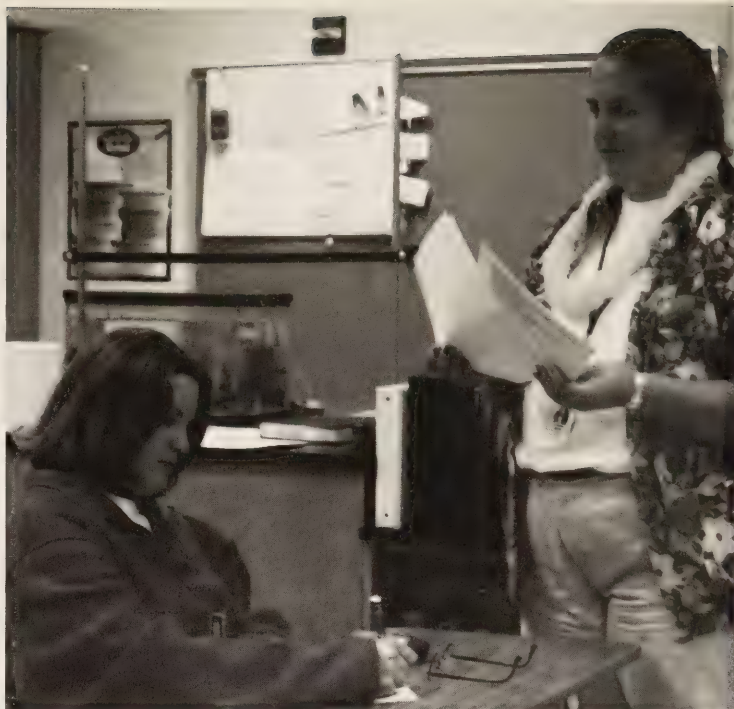
Completing a class assignment, Audra Rojek works diligently during Mrs. Williams first period French II class. *Photo by Kenneth Teets.*



Studying with Mrs. McCrary, Shannon Lucas is trying to learn the subjunctive verb form ending. She says "Spanish is really hard and it takes up a lot of my studying time." Photo by James Blackburn



In third period Advanced Biology Jenay Janek gets ready to take a test. This is Mrs. Brown's first year teaching high school. Photo by James Blackburn



Kevin Morin and Aljerome Vincent ask questions and take notes during the civil war reenactment. Many of the History classes chose to visit the guest's throat the course of the day. Photo by James Blackburn

Getting some extra help Alicia Prickett talks to Mrs. McCrary in Spanish three. She is an "A" student in this weighted class. Photo by James Blackburn





# MARINE SCIENCE

Voted most enjoyable

# 13

**Class:** Marine Science  
**Enrollment:** 45  
**Teacher:** Mr. Stottlemeyer  
**Credits:** 1

**What its all about:** Marine Science is a survey course in the biology of marine life, and how it interacts with the environment, ocean chemistry and physiology. Saltwater aquaria are maintained as a part of the classroom instruction.

**Why it's enjoyable:** "I think the reason I like Marine Science so much is because it's not so much your typical class. I mean we took a field trip to Virginia Beach and it was a blast. We went to the Aquium and we got to see all the different types of animals there."

--Mike Fuocco

"I didn't get to go on the trip because of football, but I enjoy other stuff the class provides. I like the class because it is a class that could be benifital later in life. Most things learned in school will never be used in life, but Marine science I can tell will be useful down the road."

--Joe Perry

"The coolest part of the class so far had to be when we disected a shark. You could see all the parts so much more clearly than of the usual frog and so forth that are the usual specimens for disection."

--Jacob Lease

# ADV. ENGLISH 10

Voted most difficult

# 13

**Class:** Advanced English 10  
**Enrollment:** 51  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Jones  
**Credits:** 1



Showing off her acting skills, Advanced English 10 student Erin Chapman portrays Jocasta in the play Antigone. Student chose and they performed scenes from the ancient Greek play.

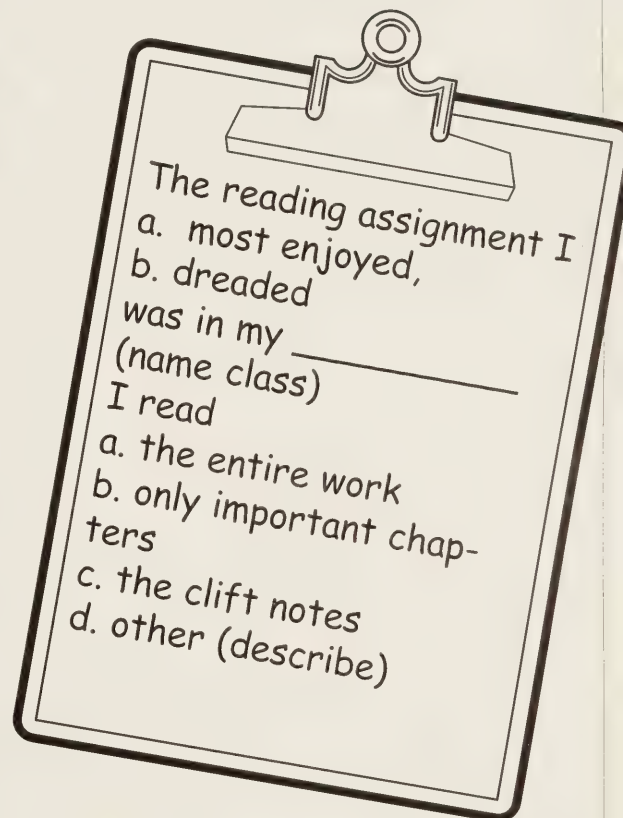
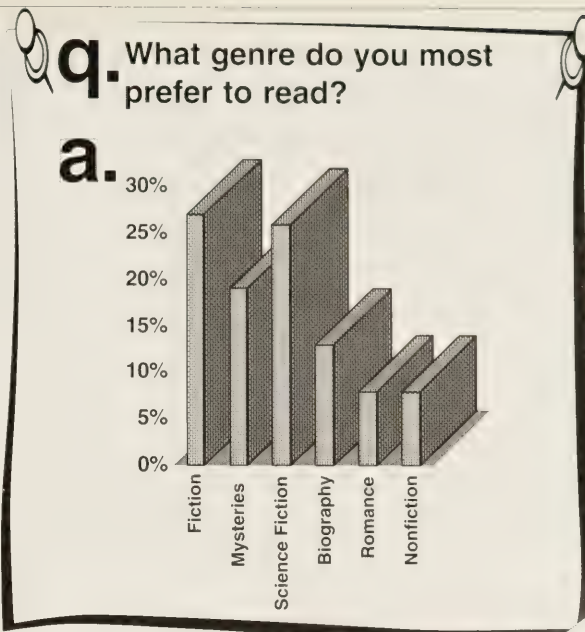
**What its all about:** Designed for students who have demonstrated the capability and motivation to preform accelerated work the course involves the study of literature and the exercise of critical thinking. Students recognize the universality of major themes and heighten their aesthetic appreciation of good literature. Much time is spent in the area of composition.

**Why its difficult:** "The poems that we have to read are all so hard. They all use the difficult of words and I have trouble understanding [their meaning]. I think this is the reason why I have diffculty in the class."

--Jen Greenfield

"I think the reason I have such trouble in this class is because of the vocabulary. Sometimes it is hard for me to comprehend because I don't know the words."

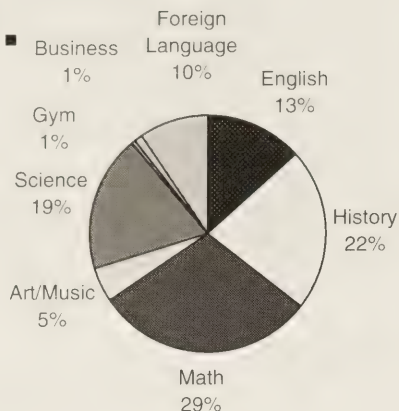
--Andrew Shin





**q.** Which subjects have the hardest tests?

**a.**



Looking back, I knew that I

- was in deep trouble,
- on easy street when my (social studies, language) teacher gave us

- the quiz
- the project
- extra credit assignment

## LATIN III

**12**

**Class:** Latin III  
**Enrollment:** 17  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Jusino  
**Credits:** 1

**What it's all about:** Latin III completes the student's introduction to the essential grammatical structure of the language in the context of more sophisticated and authentic literature. In-depth study of Roman history from the founding of Rome through the Republic serves to illuminate the background of the literature read. Students will develop increase facility in interpreting Latin with attention focused on analysis of syntax and literary devices. Continued acquisition of Latin vocabulary and concurrent study of English derivatives are stressed.

**Why It's Work:** "The most difficult assignment was when we had to locate all the

Voted most difficult.

types of grammar we've used this year like ablative absolutes or indirect questions. That assignment took a long time and it was very difficult to remember everything."

--Lindsay Biddinger

"There's so much stuff to remember. You have to remember everything you learn in order to do more stuff. I have trouble with any assignment that has to do with grammar, which is just about every assignment."

--Jamie Knapp

"All the work you have to do, and having to memorize everything, like all the verb forms. Conditional sentence and subjunctive case have definitely been the most difficult."

--Greg Andrews

## Va/US HISTORY

**12**

**Class:** Va./US History  
**Enrollment:** 74  
**Teacher:** Mrs. McCrum  
**Credits:** 1

Voted most enjoyable.

**What its all about:** Deals with the chronological development of America. Students learn to see the influence of the past on the present local, national and international situations of America.

**Why its enjoyable:** "She lectures a lot, but she makes it interesting. She explains history well by taking the time to go into detail. When we studied the Civil War we watched "Glory." Mrs. McCrum would give us more in-depth information on the characters. It made it seem real, not like it was just a movie."

--Sarah Bryant

"She gives us extra help and allows us second chances. If most of the class does poorly on a quiz, she lets us retake it. It's a really enjoyable class."

-- Denise Machonis

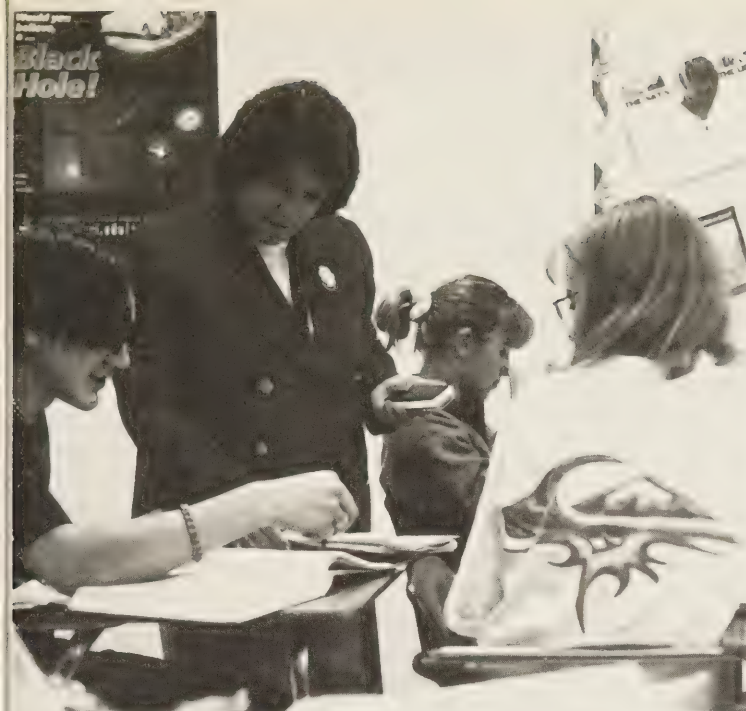
**Favorite assignment:** "We had to make name tags that told about our life which we shared with the class. You got to know everybody in the class. We put pictures of things we enjoyed doing in our spare time. I put pictures of soccer. It helped make it more of friendly environment."

-- Devin Wright



Living history. Civil War reenactor Ronald Hawkins speaks to students through his confederate persona, Lieutenant General James Longstreet. History student Julia Schiesser listens intently as 'Longstreet' explains his family history and the details of his war experience. Photo by S. Woodcock.

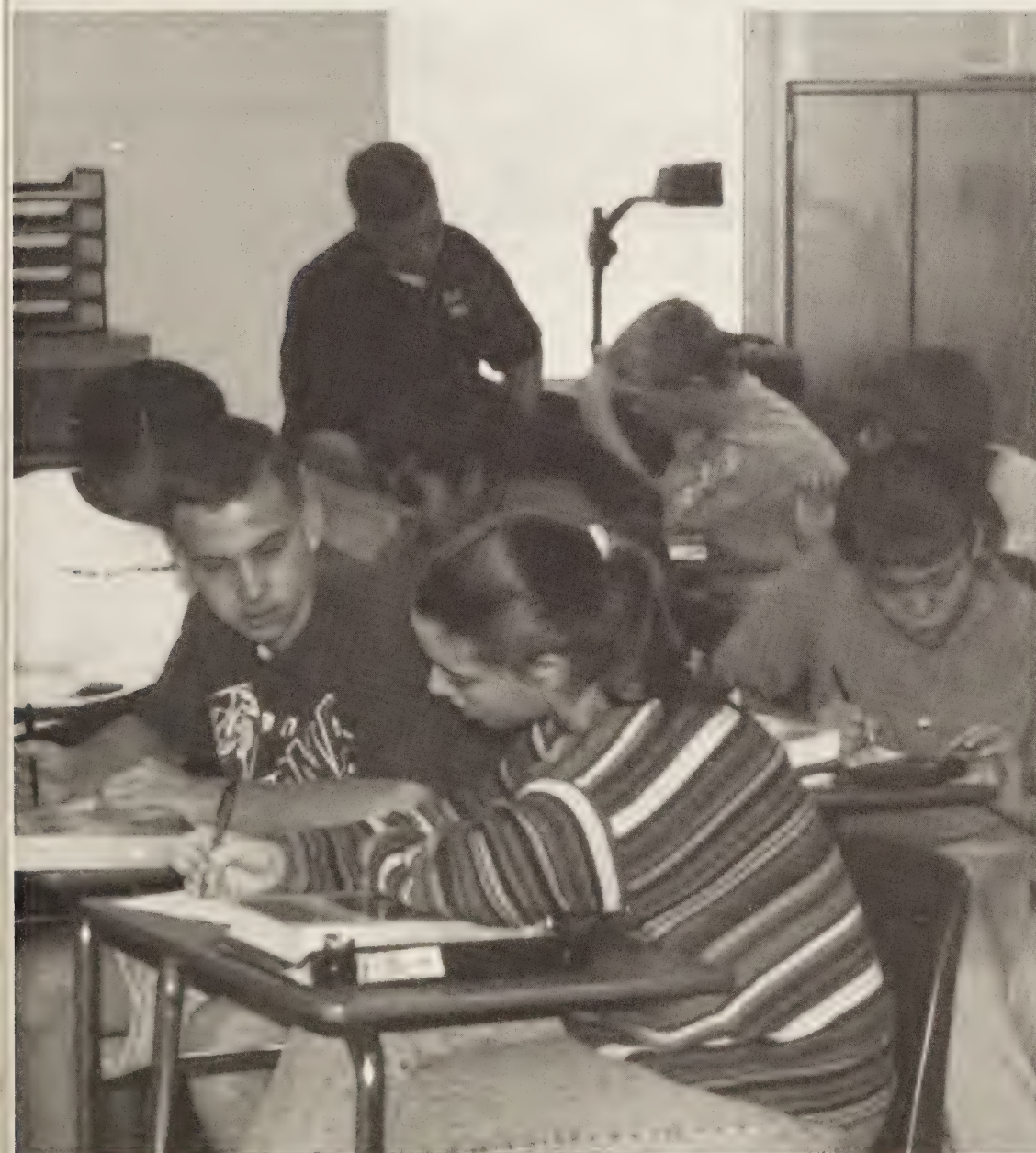




Say what? Getting some additional help on problem solving, Geometry student Robert Scott works with instructor Mrs. Fontenot. *Photo by Jennifer Boch.*



Food and thought. At the day long Renaissance Festival Justin Smith, Matt Meyers, and Steven Knight talk a minute to discuss their reports. *Photo by Nicole Lansden.*



Local government. Mock Congress takes place during the fourth six weeks. Sara Boyd and Gerri Larson listen as Jessica Jordan addresses a section of the committee's bill. *Photo by Colt Hasmaier.*

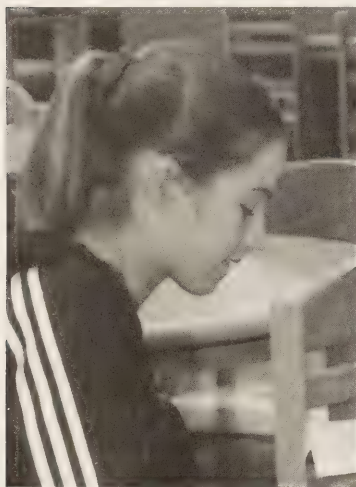
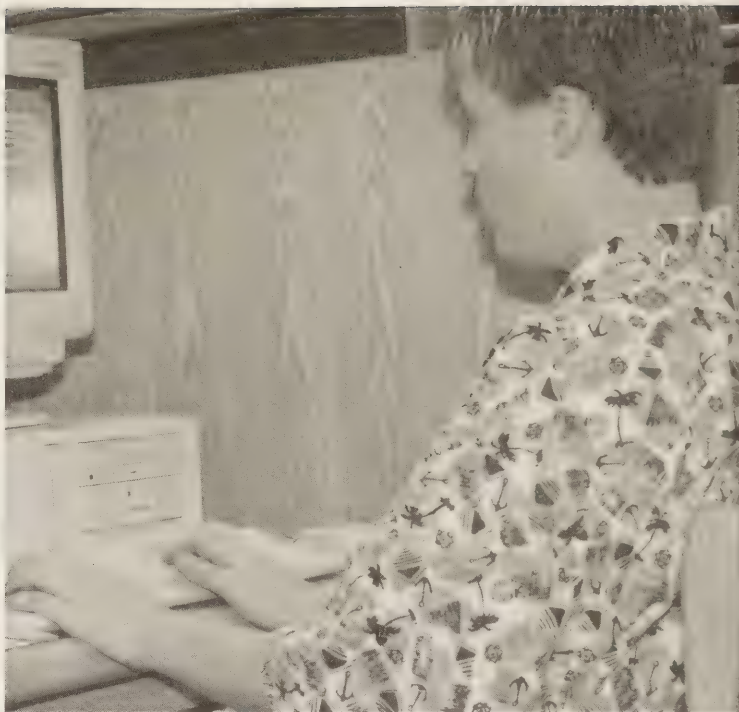
Two heads are better. Combining abilities Chris Wilcox and Patricia Breeden work together on problem solving during Mr. Burner's Algebra II class. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*



Different people have different study habits. From person to person, they can vary greatly. Some students prefer to study with a friend instead of by themselves. Freshmen Bittany Sykes and Anne Griffey study together. *Photo by S. Woodcock*



Freshman Jon Reynolds takes advantage of one of the libraries computers. The internet is a valuable resource. Many students would rather go on the 'Net to find report content than into an encyclopedia or other reference book. *Photo by S. Woodcock*



Although the library has plenty of books for students to find information, many come to the library to read their own book. The quiet atmosphere proves good for learning. Freshman Ashley Shupe reads out of a textbook. *Photo by S. Woodcock*

Freshman Dana Suich helps fellow freshman Tammy Levy look for facts on a computer for World History Class. *Photo by Chris Petrie*





**Class:** AP Latin  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Jusino  
**Credits:** 1  
**Enrollment:** 7

**Major Assignments:** Students translate Latin stories and write essays in Latin aiming toward increasing their understanding of and their ability to interpret Latin in the original. Works are selected from among the most frequently studied in comparable college courses with emphasis on developing ability to accurately translate poetry and prose from Latin into English. It also includes the study of cultural, social, and political contest of the literature. Students take the College Board exam.

**What It's About:** "Assignments tend to be hard because it starts at the beginning of the year with students translating five to six line stories, but by the end of the year the stories are over 30 lines," said AP Latin teacher Mrs. Jusino.

**Why It's Difficult:** "Assignments tend to be hard because it starts at the beginning of the year with students translating five to six line stories, but by the end of the

year the stories are over 30 lines.

It's hard for some students because they didn't retain information from first and second year Latin. They had a short-term memory and only used it for quizzes. Also, their writing experience is limited, and the essays must be in depth."

-- Mrs. Jusino

"It's all translation. Translation is difficult for me because I can't hear what I'm translating in my head. Latin isn't spoken anymore. Also it's tough to tie what I'm translating into modern day parallels so I find it more difficult to understand."

--Jenny Connell

"The length of the *Aeneid* [the literary work being translated] is intimidating. We are translating selected books of the work. Every night you have to translate 20 to 30 lines and it doesn't stop, it goes right up to the AP test in May. I do it because you gotta know as much as you can."

--Matt Smith

# 11

## ADV. BIOLOGY

### Why kids voted biology most enjoyable

**Class:** Advanced Biology  
**Teacher:** Ms. Brown  
**Enrollment:**

**What It's About:** The course is designed to provide students with the scientific background and rigor necessary to prepare them for advanced high school courses and college. Students learn formal names

of biological terms and develop vocabulary. Students must demonstrate their ability to write correctly, reason and conceptualize in order to prepare lab reports.

**Major Assignment:** Students complete projects and perform in cooperative learning activities.

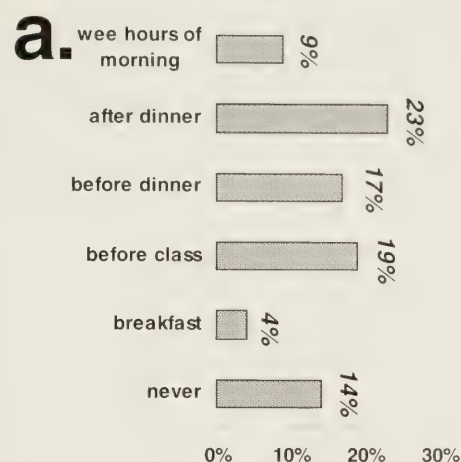
**Why it's enjoyable:** "My favorite activity was when we split into groups and each group taught a section in the chapter. We had to make notes, a worksheet, and a quiz to go along with what we were teaching. I find her class enjoyable because we do activities and interact with everyone else in the class instead of doing work all the time.

--Jennifer Downing.

Ms. Brown in her classroom, preparing a science experiment for her students. "She encourages us to learn through projects and labs," said sophomore biology student Erica Van Ocyen. Photo by S. Woodcock

# 11

## q. When's the best time of day for you to study



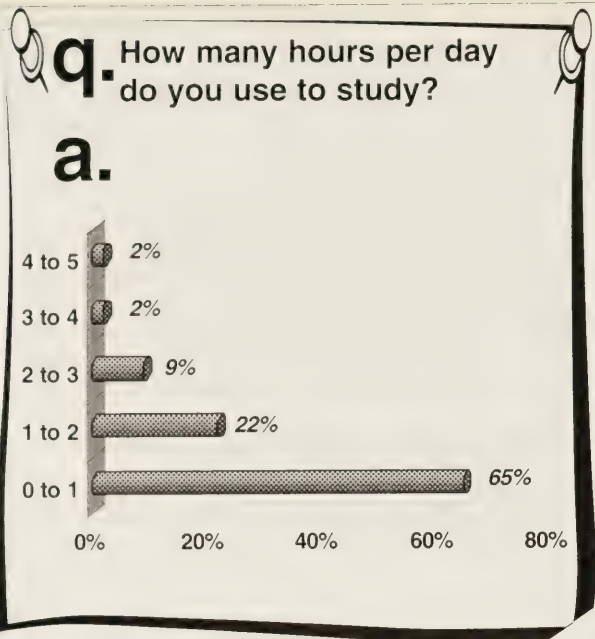
Looking back, I did most of my homework

a. in the class before it was due,  
 b. on the bus  
 c. at lunch  
 d. other

I spent the most time on my

a. research paper  
 b. math homework  
 c. extra credit assignment  
 d. other





I should have studied more

a. for every test I took

b. if I wanted to pass every class

c. so that I could get a full academic scholarship to the college of my choice

d. just for the fun of it.

I study best when I

a. am awake

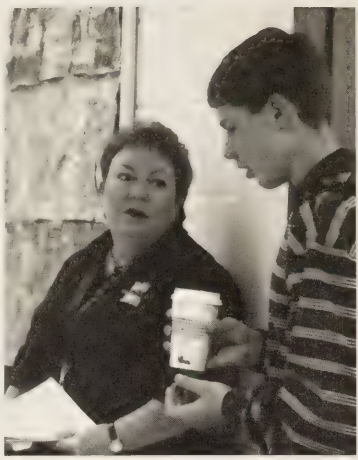
b. am asleep

c. by diffusion

d. take notes, read the notes, and quiz myself.

## FRENCH II

French II voted most difficult



Waiting for first period to begin, Jason Adams talks to amuse the teacher and to waste time. Jason always amuses the class with his "story of the day" everyday of the week. Photo by Amy Hamblet

*"French II is more difficult as the grammar concepts and vocabulary become more complex. Students who have the most problems are usually those who didn't really learn the French I material."*

-Mrs. Williams

**Class:** French II  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Williams  
**Enrollment:** 46  
**Credit:** 1

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**What It's All About:** As a continuation of French I, the class is designed to increase the students vocabulary and their proficiency in the four skills--listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students also continue their study of aspects of the French culture.

**What's difficult:** "French II is mostly a class of memorization. It makes you work just learning the language. If you want to go to the next level you have to know the material and work to achieve the goals you want to. Mrs. Williams is a hard but good teacher. She tutors and helps you to achieve your goals." - **Amy Hamblet**

"French II is hard because of the many vocabulary terms and verb conjugations that you have to memorize. Pronunciation is another thing I struggle with, but Ms. Williams helps us and won't move on till we thoroughly understand it." -

**Courtney Snodgrass**

## SPANISH III

Students vote Spanish III most enjoyable



Glenn Grau listens to Mr. Nunez, a substitute Spanish teacher for Mrs. Buck, play Christmas songs. Señor Nuñez brought in various Spanish instruments for the students to play with. Photo by Amy Hamblet

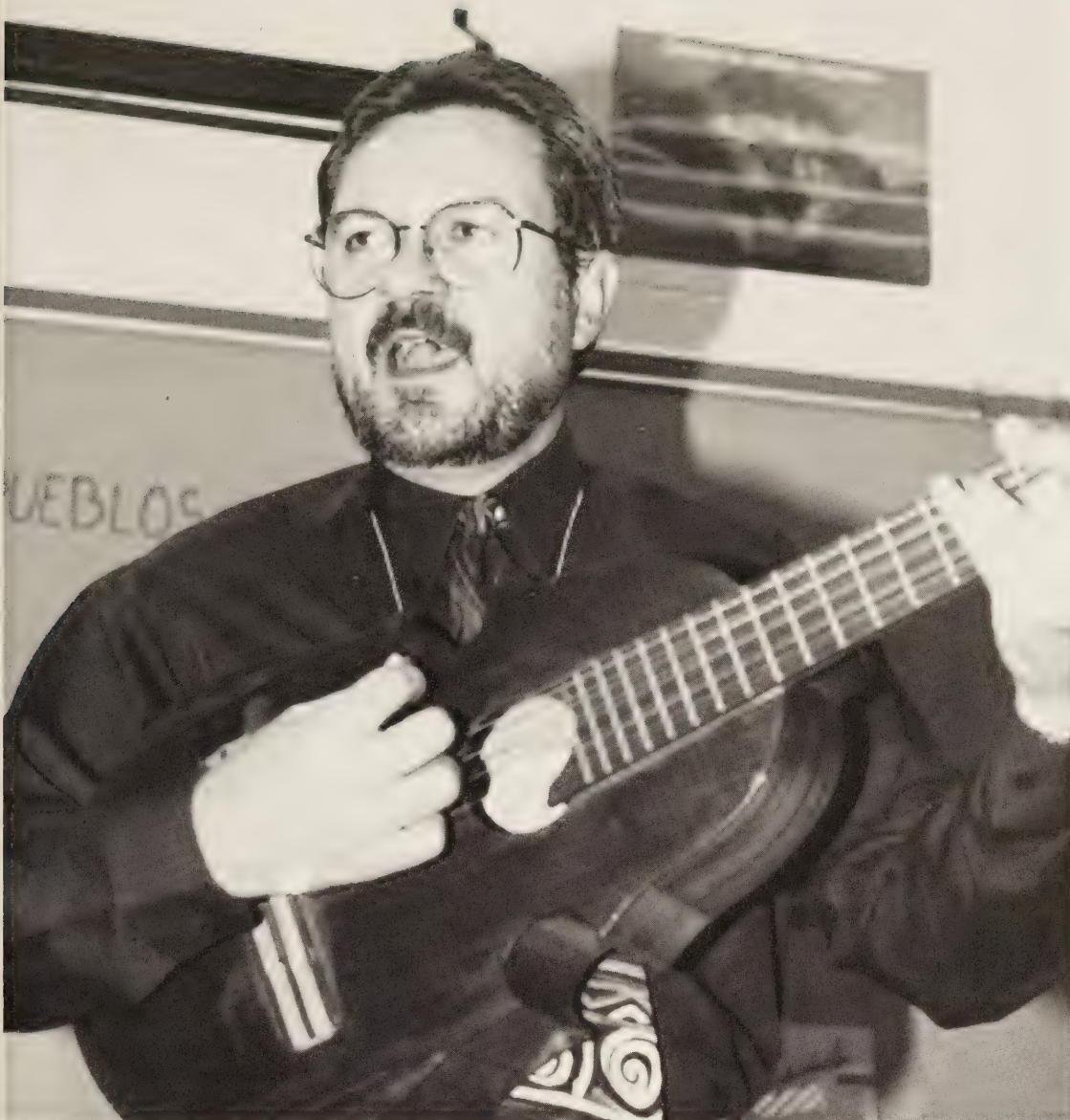
**Class:** Spanish III  
**Enrollment:** 71  
**Teacher:** Mrs. McCrary  
**Credits:** 1

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**What It's All About:** Spanish II has intensive review of the grammar and vocabulary presented at Levels I and II. Emphasis is placed on the listening, speaking, reading, and writing of the language.

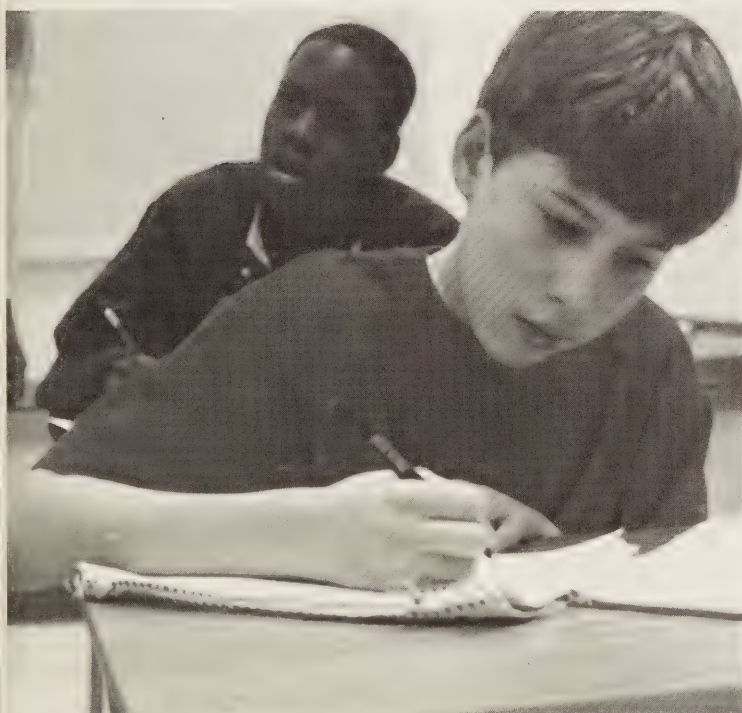
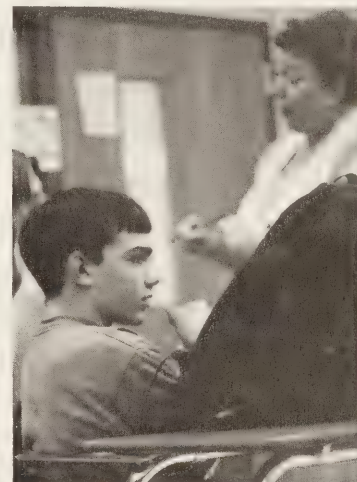
**Why It's So Enjoyable:** "Spanish III is a pretty easy class [for me]. I really like Mrs. McCrary. I had her last year for Spanish II so I really know her teaching style. One of my favorite activities is when we have culture days, then the class brings in all different kinds of Spanish foods." - **James Blackburn**





As a substitute Mr. Nuñez had a lot to handle because he was not familiar with all of the students. In place of Mrs. Buck he amused his Spanish classes by playing "Feliz Navidad" on his guitar. *Photo by Amy Hamblet*

Attentively listening to the homework assignment for the evening, Chris Long, waits for the bell to end Mrs. Williams' first period French II class. *Photo by Amy Hamblet*



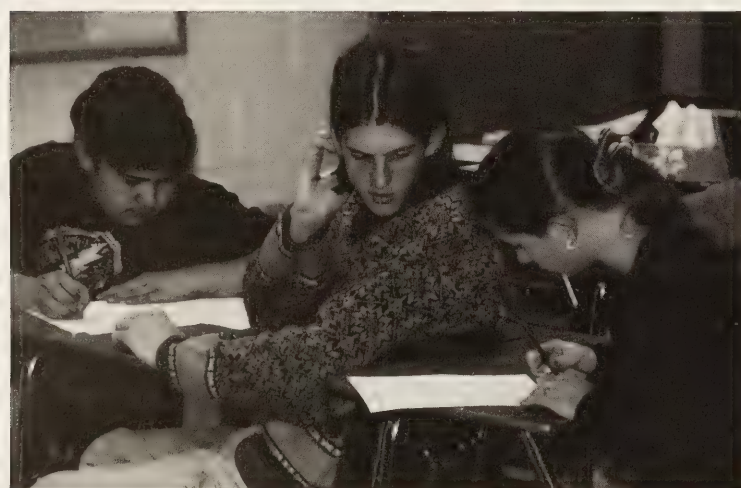
Studying for his French II test, Kenneth Teets tries to cram in last minute reminders. One way he helped prepare himself was by writing verb conjugations and translating words. *Photo by Jennifer Bock*

Freshmen Krystal Jackson and Tarah Payne draw pictures while waiting for French class to start. "I wrote notes during French to waste time," Payne said. *Photo by Jennifer Bock*



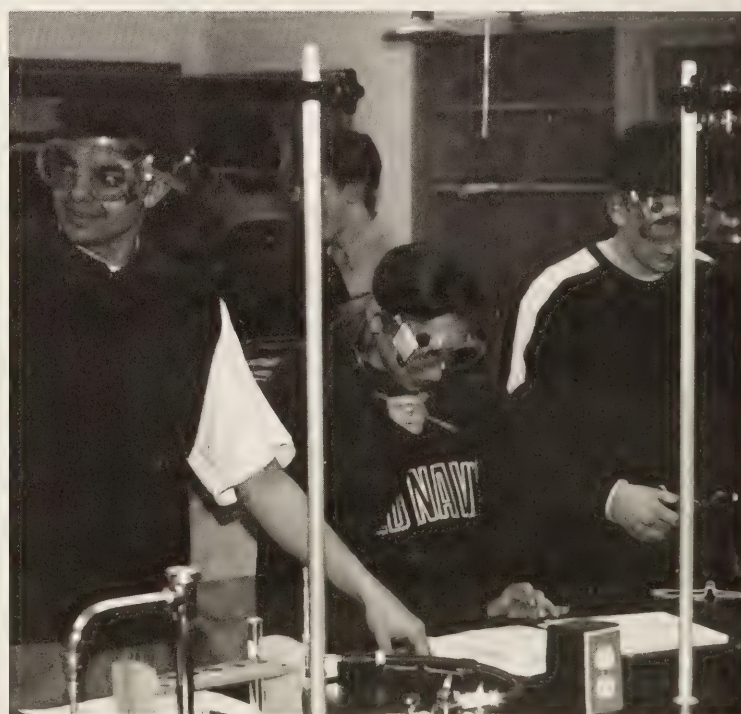
Kevin Thacker prepares to light a Bunsen burner, for a chemistry lab in Mrs. Villers class 7th period on January 22. The class split up into two's for the lab and had the whole class period to complete their work. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*

Lighting Magnesium metal, Carol Horton and John Dodd observe the affects of flame on the metal, which is an extremely bright light. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*



As they complete their chemistry lab work sheets in class ,pictured from left, are Carol Horton, John Dodd, and Shannon Falconer comparing results. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*

During their lab in Mrs. Villers 7th period chemistry class, students must sometimes repeat the procedures to prove their findings, Erik Martin, Sharon Damoth, and Kevin Thacker check their findings. *Photo by Justin Nissley.*





# FRENCH III

French III voted most difficult

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**Class:** French III  
**Enrollment:** 19  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Williams  
**Credits:** 1



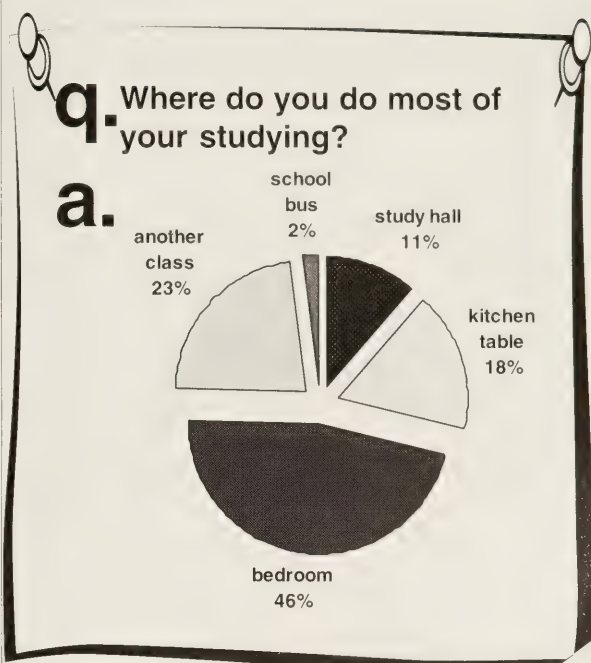
The students in Mrs. Williams French IV classes were busy learning about ancient cave paintings in France. Working on imitation cave drawings, Denise Machonis works hard to complete hers early. Photo by Amy Hamblet

*"The grammar is more advanced and the students have to learn to actually use the language instead of simply regurgitating the material."* -Mrs. Williams

**What It's All About:** Students in French III continue to acquire vocabulary as they develop stronger skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Reading for comprehension receives increased attention as students read from a broader selection. Also, another important part of the course is getting to know the French-speaking people, as revealed in reading selections, films, music, and arts.

**What's difficult :** "I think most people feel it's harder than it really is. It does get harder the further up you get in a language, especially one like French, you just have to apply yourself more to the subject." -Chip Clark

"All the different rules for grammar and the exceptions that come with them is what makes French III hard for me. The vocabulary isn't difficult, but remembering where all the parts of speech are placed in the sentence is." -Sandyi Black



# ADV. EARTH SCIENCE

Voted a Most Enjoyable Class

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**Class:** Adv. Earth Science  
**Enrollment:** 70  
**Teacher:** Mr. Mann  
**Credits:** 1

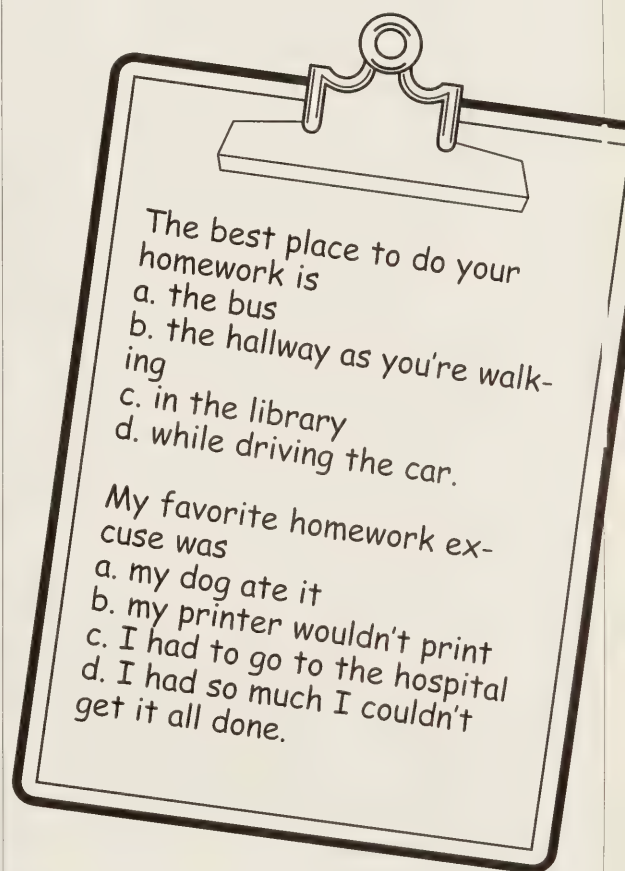


Outside in the front of the school, during second period Biology II, Matt Smith listens in as his teacher, Mr. Mann gives students a small speech on the effects of littering on the environment, and it's surroundings. Photo By: Amy Hamblet

**What It's All About:** In Advanced Earth Science, students explore the four areas of geology, meteorology, astronomy, and oceanography. They are required to learn about the natural forces, such as the weather, oceans, crustal processes, and space explorations. Emphasis is put on the students' inductive reasoning powers to lead them to a more thorough understanding of the earth sciences.

**Why It's So Enjoyable:** "We do a lot of activities that are hands on so we can participate more. He also jokes around with us and makes us laugh. He lets us pick where we sit and lets us work together when we need to. He helps us with our grades by letting us stay after. Sometimes, if we get an answer correct, we'd get candy and other cool stuff. I guess it's just fun because of his personality and the way that he teaches. It's interesting." -

Laura Schrader





# ADV. BIOLOGY

Why kids voted Adv. Biology the most difficult.

Class: Adv. Biology  
Enrollment: 82  
Teacher: Mr. Stottlemeyer  
Credits: 1

## What it's all about:

The Advanced Biology course is designed to provide students with the scientific background necessary to prepare them for advanced high school courses and college. Written lab reports are required; therefore, students are required to learn formal biological terms and develop an advanced vocabulary.

## Why it's hard:

"Mr. Stottlemeyer's class is hard because there's always lots of stuff to memorize and I get it all confused. It takes me a little while to get everything straight, and by that time we've moved on to something else and I'm confused again." - **Kelly Romine**

"It's a really laid back class, but when it comes time for the tests you're expected to know everything backwards and forwards. And if you don't then the tests are really confusing." - **Sasha Miller**

"This class gets really confusing because Mr. Stottlemeyer likes to go really in depth with what we're studying. He'll schedule a test and you'll study, then it's time and you're looking at this paper and you don't have a clue what it is." - **Shannon Vitarius**

"This class is hard because Biology is confusing to begin with, and then Mr. Stottlemeyer gives us lots of worksheets and stuff that no one really understands how to do." - **Dana Finch**

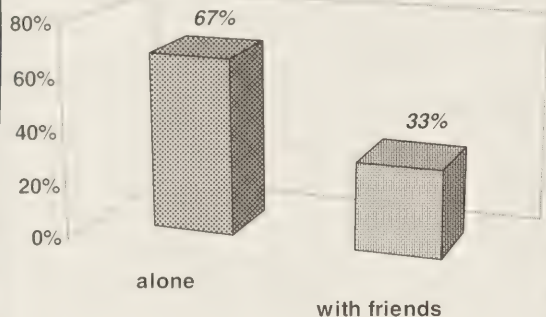
"Even though you try, it's still hard because you're in Adv. Biology. Mr. Stottlemeyer expects you to do well, but it's hard when you don't really understand what's going on." - **Jay Fairchild**

"I don't get the notes, things aren't explained very well and I don't understand them at all. I learn during the activities and when we do worksheets. For me, the notes are what make this class hard." - **Adam Conner**

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q. Do you prefer to study alone or with friends?

a.



# ADV. ENGLISH 10

Class: Adv. English 10  
Enrollment: 48  
Teacher: Mrs. Ivan  
Credits: 1

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I spend the most time after school working on

- yearbook
- Art projects
- learning parts for Drama
- other \_\_\_\_\_

I would learn a lot more if I could just study with

- Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- Anybody on Dawson's Creek
- Ben Affleck
- other \_\_\_\_\_



In the eighth most enjoyable class, Laura Weidenbach gives an oral presentation on Arthurian Legends. Photo by J. Blackburn

## What it's all about:

Advanced English 10 is designed for students who have shown capability and willingness to preform accelerated work beyond the requirements for their grade. Through the study of literature and critical thinking, students recognize the commonness of major themes, and heighten their appreciation of literature.

## Why it's fun:

"This class is fun because Mrs. Ivan likes to joke around with her students and make them laugh." - **Laura Wunderlich**

"The atmosphere is usually so laid back, everyone is relaxed and joking around and having a good time. We have a lot of work, especially projects, but it's fun."

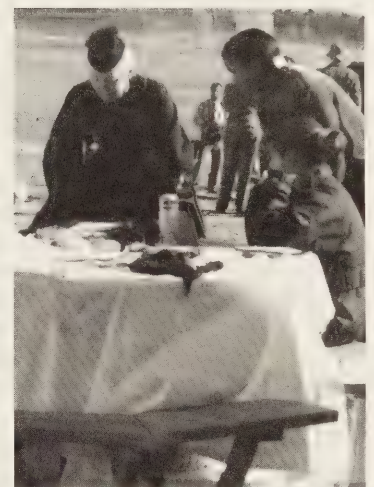
- **Jillian Brown**





On December 1, reanactors visited our school. Here Miss Newbill and students Elizabeth Sabu and Laura Wunderlich stand outside to listen to one reanactor talk about weapons used in the war. *Photo by T. Williams*

In December Susan Miller and Michele Coffman, a special education teacher, talk about clothing and how it was worn during the Civil war. *Photo by T. Williams*



On the afternoon of December 1, Mr. Landen and two reanactors sit under the tent to avoid the sunshine. *Photo by T. Williams*

Fellow students watch as Aljerome Vincent asks a reanactor questions about his life as a Civil War soldier. *Photo by J. Dodd*



Claire Boswell and Thomas Bombardier practice swing dancing as part of their Drama I class. Drama is a class that's all about having fun and losing your inhibitions at the same time. Dancing is a great way to do this.



Drama II student Sean Hogan had the responsibility of handling the follow spot for the production of the one act play *Working* that the Drama Club put on. Sean learned this behind the scenes skill in his Drama class.



Seth Meyers and Jenn Saeman practice a frog leap-like move for the swing dance portion of their drama class.

Scott Washington lifts Danielle Lloyd up into the air with ease as part of their swing dance exhibition for the others in their class.





# AP US HISTORY

Kids voted AP U.S. History most difficult.

**Class:** AP US History  
**Teacher:** Mr. Shinberger  
**Enrollment:** 25  
**Credit:** 1

# 7

**What It's All About:** Advanced Placement History provides students with the skills to deal with the problems and materials in U.S. history. Students learn to assess historical materials, develop the skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgement, and to present reasons and evidence in essay format. Students in AP US History are expected to take the exam provided by the College Board.

**What's So Difficult:** "I enjoy this class except for DBQ's, which are data base questions. The class is challenging but I enjoy it." - **Deanna Mrdjenovic**

This class is challenging because of all of the reading, but Mr. Shinberger is fun. The amount of work is fair but sometimes

it's hard to get everything done." - **Charlie Coleman**

"It's tough because you have to be responsible and you have to use your own free time to complete assignments and get ahead. However, since it's a college course you know what is expected when entering into the class." - **Jacque Messeder**

"The outside reading is what makes the class challenging." - **Christina Hovey**

"DBQ's are the hardest things I have to do. First you have to read a lot of documents about a time period. Like speeches and letters, then you have to answer a question about the documents in essay form. It's difficult for me to incorporate the documents into my answer."

--**Kevin Thacker**

# ADV. ENGLISH 11

Kids voted Adv. English 11 most enjoyable.

**Class:** Advanced English 11  
**Enrollment:** 48  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Harding  
**Credits:** 1

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**What It's All About:** Advanced English 11 is for students who have demonstrated the capability and motivation to perform accelerated work beyond the expected level for their grade. Students learn about critical thinking, the prose style, use and evaluation of research materials, critical study of literature, mastery of writing, the ability to speak expressively and articulately in front of a large group of people and the ability to acquire a large vocabulary.

**Why It's Enjoyable:** "Most of what we do is just writing stories, which she calls creative writing. We have one due about once every two weeks. I like that we don't have homework that often."

- **Mike Hunter**

I enjoy this class because the teacher is caring, nice and funny. She makes us laugh a lot. We get to pick what we

write about. It's a relaxing atmosphere and Mrs. Harding is a wonderful teacher."

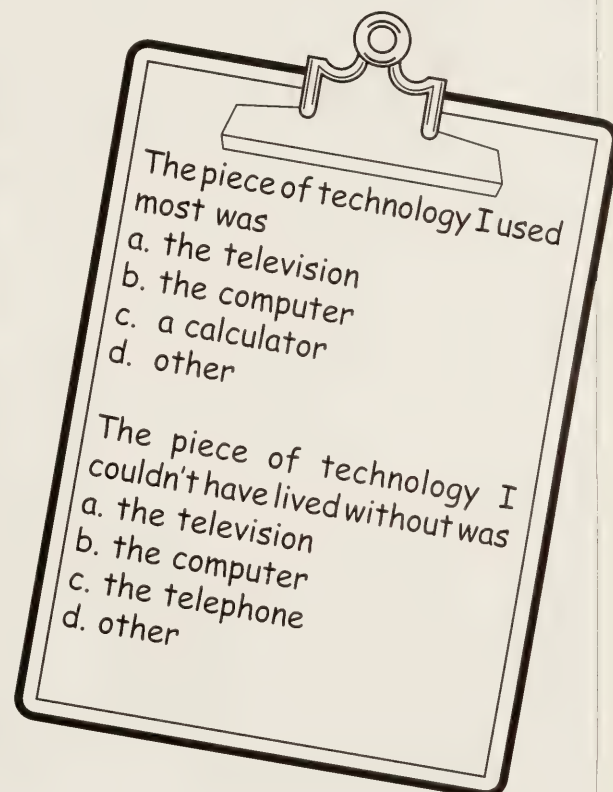
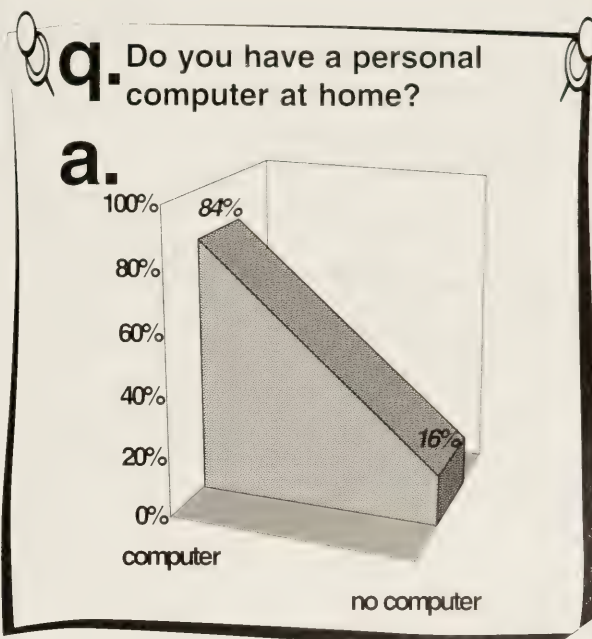
- **Greg Andrews**

"I enjoy this class very much. We do a lot of creative writing, it gives us a break from grammar. Mrs. Harding tells us a lot of stories and personal experiences that she has had in her life."

- **Adrienne Ward**

**Favorite Assignment:** About once every two weeks, she gives a writing prompt to start us on a creative writing assignment. It is lots of fun. You can take the prompt in any direction. Then sometimes we share them with the class. It's loads of fun, seriously."

- **Nick Barksdale**





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**Class:** World Geography  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Newbill  
**Enrollment:** 90  
**Credit:** 1

**What it's all about:** The course is designed to help the student study the physical features of the earth and their effects on the political, economic and social life of a country. A goal is help students develop a concern for international affairs and the responsibility of everyone as member of the world community

**Why its most enjoyable:** "It is the funniest class because we are allowed to say whatever is on our minds. She doesn't mind if we debate what we think. The best part about her class is that she takes her time and helps us when we need it. Her work isn't that hard, but it depends on the subject"

-Anne Marie Bartholomew

"Once when we were reviewing for a test on capitals of the Middle East, she was

giving us this weird way of remembering the names of the capitals of the countries. She would make up sentences where each word began with the first letter of the city and the country. It was fun and funny, the sentences didn't really have anything to do with the country or the capital. They mostly didn't even make a lot of sense, but everybody was laughing and a whole lot of people did really well on the test. It [the method] seemed retarded, but it worked."

-Letitia Bowler

"She's a young teacher and she relates to her students well. We rarely have homework. We have classroom debates and we play learning games which are fun."

--Carmen Rios

## ADV. CHEMISTRY

Kids voted Adv. Chemistry most difficult.

**Class:** Adv. Chemistry  
**Teacher:** Mr. King  
**Enrollment:** 95  
**Credits:** 1

**What it's all about:** This course delves more deeply into the fundamental principles of chemistry. In addition to basic lab investigations, independent lab work



More than 200 students are enrolled in Chemistry at one of the three levels offered. Chemistry student Kevin Thacker cuts copper wire in preparation for a lab experiment.

and projects are done.

**Why its difficult:**

"Adv. Chemistry is one of my hardest classes. My teacher wants us to really learn what he is teaching and wants us to get it down perfect so we can do well in class. I have to admit that it is good for our future."

--Justin Patton

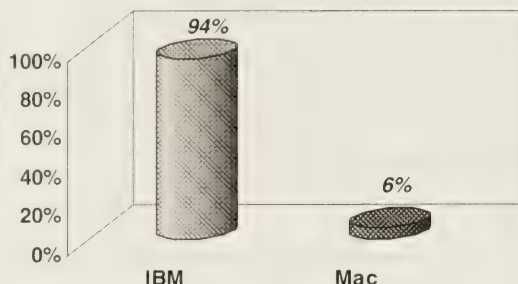
"Adv. Chemistry is hard to me because we have so much homework almost every night. Plus we get packets that are at the least two pages and they are really hard. We also have to turn in a lab report every week."

--Jessica Burnopp

"They have to sometimes ignore math they have been taught and replace it with scientific reasoning. For instance on a test question if the answer was 1.5. Students wanted to round the answer to 2, but if they did so, they couldn't get the right answer."

- Mr. King

**q.** If you have a personal computer at home, which kind do you use?  
**a.**



My favorite use for the computer was  
 a. as a tool to meet others in AOL chat rooms  
 b. doing my yearbook pages  
 c. graphic design  
 d. surfing the net.

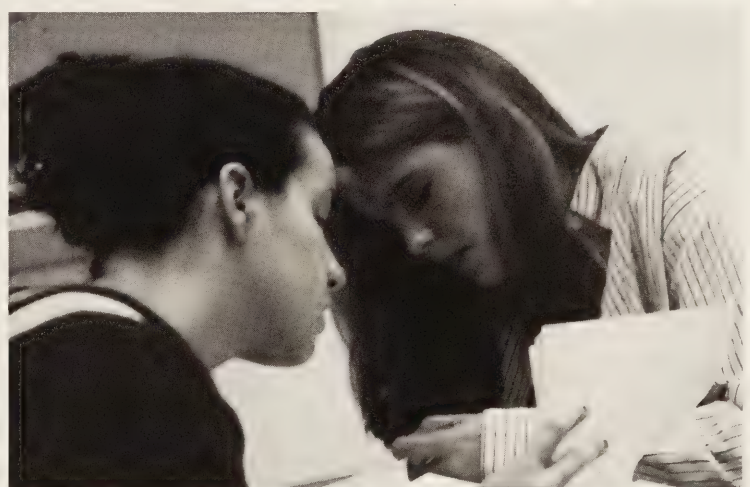
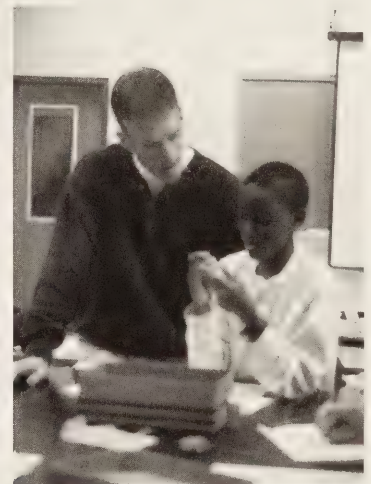
The most frustrating thing about computers was  
 a. they only did what you told them  
 b. other \_\_\_\_\_





Cutting to the heart of it. In a lab to determine tree age, Bio II Seminar students Deanna Mrdjenovic and Andrea Price drill into a tree for core samples. *Photo by Allen Griffey.*

During a seven step mineral lab in Earth Science class, instructor Mr. Wolfe helps De Bell with one of the steps. A goal of the lab was to identify all the rocks each student was given. *Photo by Nicole Lansden.*

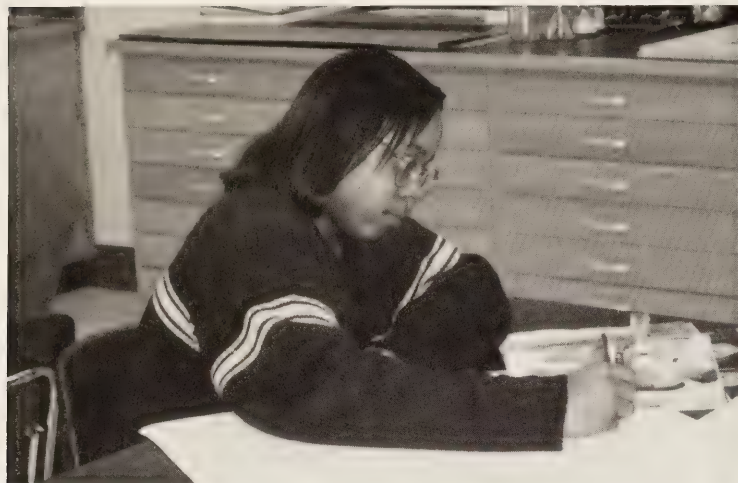


While students work on an assignment instructor Mrs. Fontenot assists Lindsay Carr with a Geometry problem.

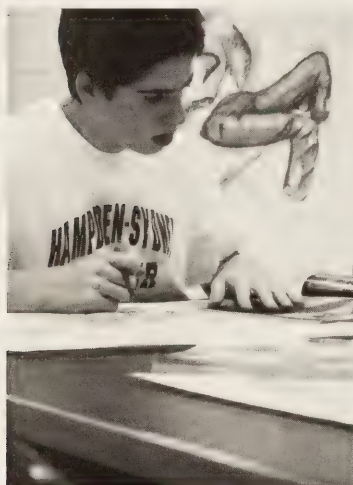
Group work provides students an opportunity to share ideas and skills. Monica Nolan and Jennifer Mitchell work together on a Geometry class assignment. "Doing our class work together helps make the assignment easier to do and makes it a lot faster to get done," said Nolan. *Photo by Kristine Rivas.*



Free handing a drawing from a magazine isn't a hard task for Shante Howard who easily finishes her drawing. Art students free hand pictures from magazines often. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*

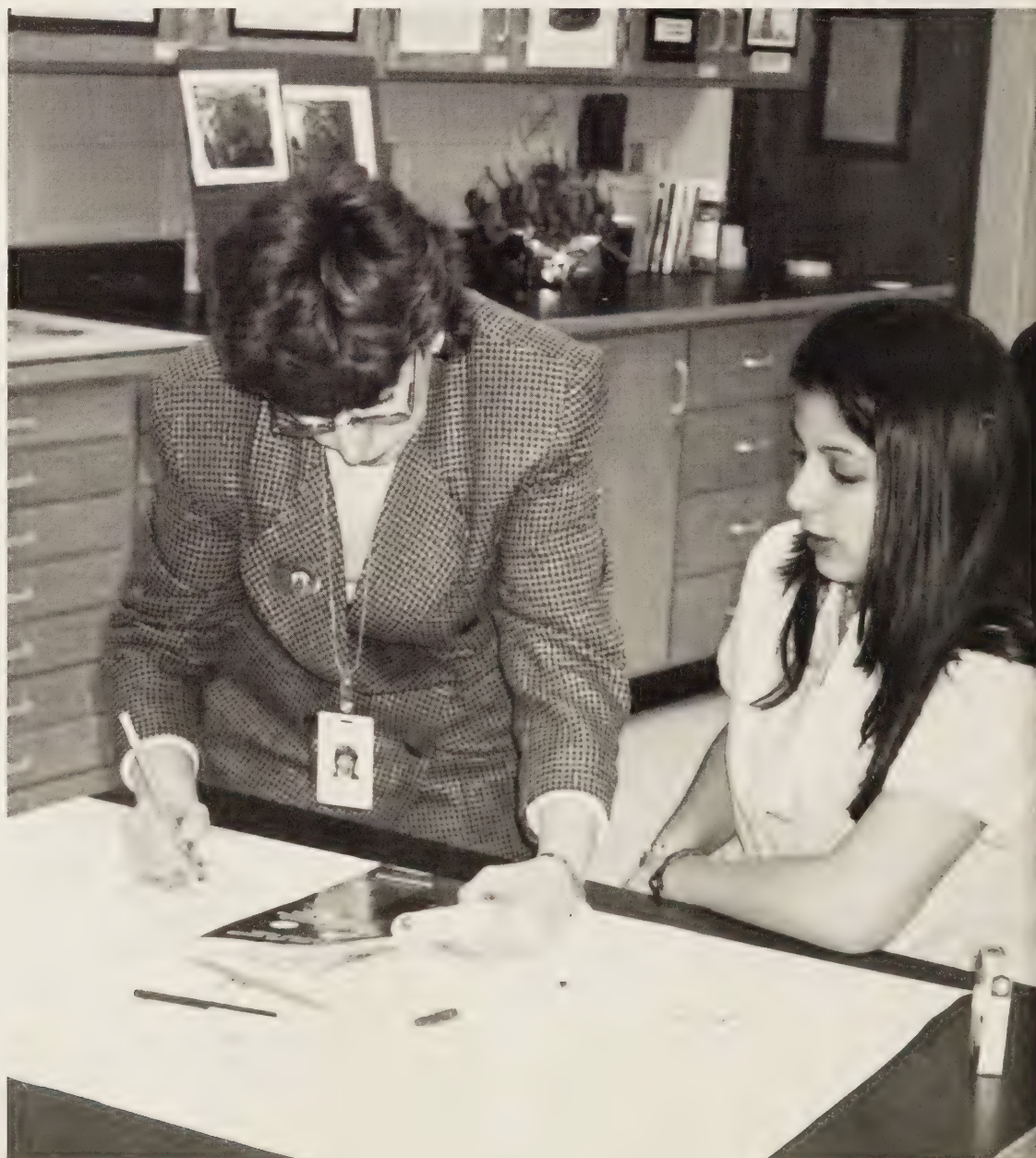


Taking time on an art picture can be very stressful, especially when you make a mistake. Putting finishing touches on her picture before adding color Katie Streef adds another element to her drawing. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



Drawing a difficult picture takes time and effort. Taking time to finish his drawing, Brandon Reighburg studies the picture he's drawing from. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*

Sometimes drawing a picture from another can be difficult but with a little help its not so hard. Mrs. Richards helps Grace Santiago fill in a bare spot on her drawing. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*





# EARTH SCIENCE

Why kids vote Earth Science most enjoyable

**Class:** Earth Science  
**Teacher:** Mr. Pellegrin  
**Enrollment:** 98  
**Credit:** 1

**What its all about:** Earth Science deals with the formation of the earth and its living creatures. During the course of Earth Science students learn about the earth's structure, formation of mountains, plate tectonics, and meteorology. Earth Science gives students a good basis for Biology. Students also learn about underwater volcanoes and astronomy. Students also perform labs on the subject they are learning. Earth Science is an essential course for the incoming Freshmen. At the beginning of the course students believe the course will be difficult to undergo but once the course is under way students find that the course isn't that difficult at all.

**Why its fun:** "Earth Science is fun because Mr. Pellegrin is always making a joke about something even if its not something we're learning about. If I had a

different teacher then the class wouldn't be as fun."

-Jason Estep

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"Earth science is exciting because of all the labs we do and the discussions we have in class. The class can sometimes be difficult but with a teacher like Mr. Pellegrin everything becomes fun. Even though the class is difficult I enjoy the level of difficulty it brings me. The class opened up a new door for me and made me understand Earth Science better."

-Ashly Bell

"The class has a degree of difficulty but overall its really enjoyable. At first the class was difficult but later in the year the class became easier for me. Mr. Pellegrin helps teach me a little more if I don't understand something."

-Sommer Wells

## ADV. ALGEBRA II

Kids voted Adv. Algebra II most difficult.

**Class:** Adv. Algebra II  
**Teacher:** Mr. Brown  
**Enrollment:** 48  
**Credit:** 1

**What it's all about:** Adv. Algebra II lets students get much more in depth than regular Algebra II. Adv. Algebra II gives students a chance to explore the concepts of Algebra II. Students deal with the algebra terms such as Pythagroen Theory, rational exponents and factoring. Being in an advanced class is much more difficult than being in a regular class. Adv. Algebra II gives students a good basis for Math Analysis.

**Why It's diffucult:** "The class is diffucult for me because I'm not really that great in math in the first place. With Mr. Brown teaching the class it makes the class easier than it really is. If I don't understand something Mr. Brown helps me after school until I understand it.

Also during class if I don't understand something, Mr. Brown will help me and sometimes I feel embarassed but once I understand it I feel really good."

-Pete Servel

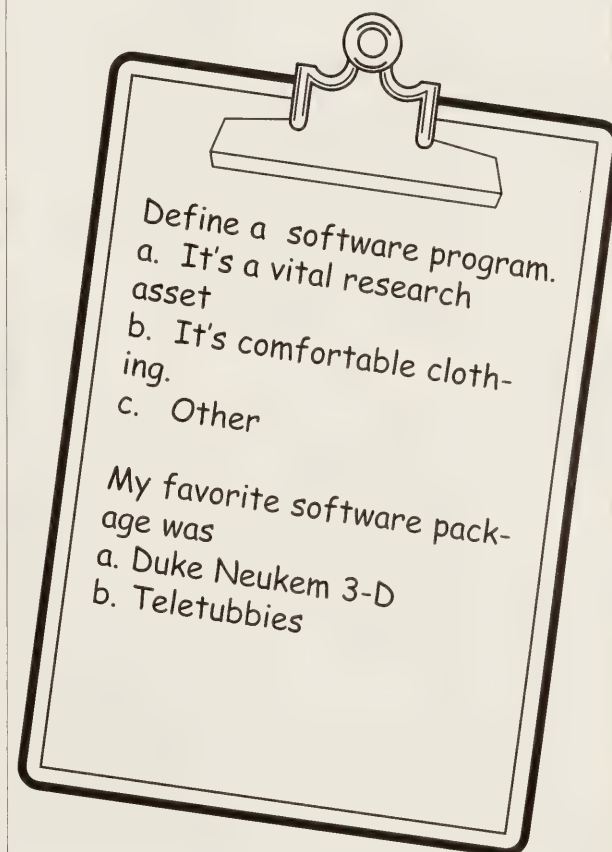
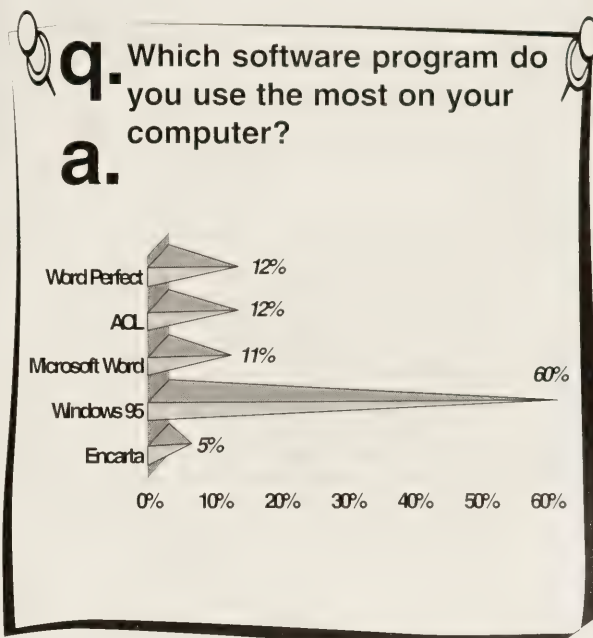
"Adv. Algebra II is difficult because it's so fast paced and hard to keep up with. We also work with college bound math material. Even though the class is hard, once you get the hang of what you're doing it's really not that hard."

-Stevi Antosh

"Being a course with college material makes it hard for most students who take the class. With a teacher like Mr. Brown it makes the class enjoyable and not that difficult."

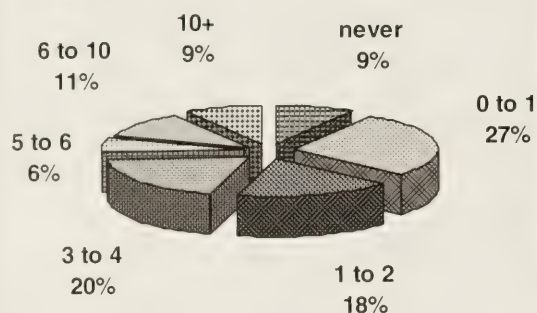
-Shannon Lucas

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**q.** How many hours per week do you spend on the internet just for fun?  
**a.**



Political argument is a constant affair in this highly analytical course. Mr. Shinberger is arguing a test question regarding President Johnson with Christina Hovey, as Natalie Nielson looks on. "I became a teacher because I always had a love of history. I had good mentors, like my coaches and I remember my grandmother making me read a lot of civil war history book. I enjoy teaching and the students I teach. I wouldn't teach unless I liked it," said Mr. Shinberger.

**Class:** AP U. S. History  
**Enrollment:** 26  
**Teacher:** Mr. Shinberger  
**Credit:** 1

**What it is about:**

AP U.S. History is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in U.S. history. Student should learn to assess historical materials, develop the skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgement, and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in essay format.

**Major Assignment:**

Data Based Question which prepare students for essays in similar format on the AP exam.

**Why it is enjoyable:**

"Mr. Shinberger teaches on our level. He doesn't hand you fact, fact, fact. He talks to you and gets you involved in the class discussions. He uses humor. He's a great teacher."

-- Rebecca Richards

"Mr. Shinberger does fun stuff. We get a little off track but we are inspired to do better in class. There is more discussion which helps to you relate. Then, he also feeds you breakfast, sometimes lunch. He's the best."

-- Jen Connell

## SPANISH IV

Why kids vote Spanish IV the hardest

**Class:** Spanish IV  
**Enrollment:** 38  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Roe  
**Credit:** 1

**What it's all about:** Simultaneously with intensive study of grammar and vocabulary, student read humorous, thought-pro-

voking or informative articles which cover multiple aspects of Hispanic civilization, as well as present-day subjects and issues. This material provides a practical introduction into conversation for attaining added proficiency in the language. Students also develop writing skills through short composition and letter writing.

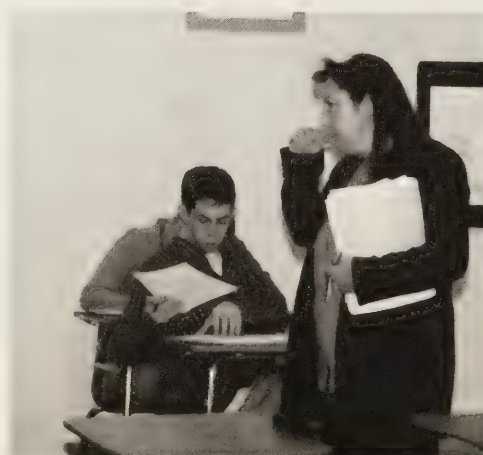
**Major Assignment:** Essay writing for comprehension and practicing skills.

**Why It's Work:** "The class is so hard because we have to do essays every night. We have to write 150-200 words on a topic of Mrs. Roe's choice, in Spanish, using five or six different tenses. We write about things like sports, family, our hopes and dreams, all kinds of topics."

--Rachel Spencer

"The exam was really hard. We had to do an oral part, matching, multiple choice, and an essay. It was so much work that some people didn't finish."

--Rebecca Richards



Capured taking roll, Mrs. Roe requires that each of her students respond to their spanish names with a short spanish phrase. Among the Marias and Juan, you can catch an 'hola,' now and then. Photo by Elita Walker.

My favorite internet moment was when I  
a. stayed up until 2:00 a.m. in a people connection chatroom  
b. researched my history, science project, British Lit. paper (circle one)  
c. was about to print out all my information and the computer shut down.





Cut and paste. Photojournalism students learned about layout design. Each was responsible for completing a layout for a grade. Justin Blake cut and pasted his way to a perfect design. *Photo by S. Woodcock*

Caught in the act, John Dodd is seen taking photos of Ronald Hawkins portraying General Longstreet, at the re-enactment on December fourth. *Photo by Nicole Lansden*



Working hard or hardly working, you ask? It's hard to tell with newspaper editor, Jen Connell. She was dressed up as an elf as part of an English project on December 23rd. *Photo by S. Woodcock*

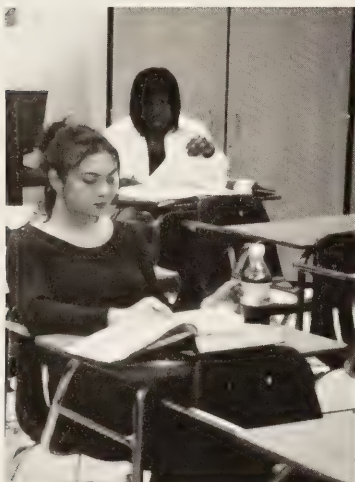
Edit and re-edit. The yearbook staff receives proofs of their completed pages for correction. Elita Walker and Randall Pierce concentrate on People pages received in February. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier*



Staying after every Monday and Wednesday afterschool until 6 pm is hard work for the GLAD students. Eddie Davis takes a break from his studies by going outside and tries to learn how to ride a unicycle. *Photo by John Sanchez.*



Tarah White is all smiles doing group work to improve on her leadership skills. She is the president of our DECA chapter. The state sponsored this leadership training for officers of local DECA chapters. *Photo by Edel Tripp.*



The Glad Program allows students to study and work hard for succession. In Mrs Campbell's room, Rachelle Sinclair works on homework. GLAD also allows other students to study for upcoming quizzes and tests along with catching up with make-up work. *Photo by John Sanchez.*

Tarah White, DECA's president, Katie Cutright, vice-president, and Raelissa Ambrose, secretary, are at the state sponsored Officer Training Program. They worked with local DECA officers from other schools on their leadership skills. This program also went over the officer's responsibilities and duties. *Photo by Edel Tripp.*





# SOCIOLOGY

Why kids vote Sociology enjoyable

**Class:** Sociology  
**Enrollment:** 21  
**Teacher:** Mrs. McCrum  
**Credit:** 1 semester course = 1/2

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**What it's all about:** Sociology is a semester course in the study of human relationships. Emphasis is focused upon the causes and consequences of the various human relationships. It is designed to promote an awareness of basic human needs and the development of skills and attitudes that enable individuals to contribute positively toward improved human relations in the family, school and community.

**Why it's enjoyable:** "The teacher, Mrs. McCrum, makes a day I've dreaded into a day of laughter and fun. She makes class fun and interesting. I love her with all my heart."

-- Justin Patton

"We learn about "interesting topics that deal with all the relative issues that we

deal with today."

- Jessica Burnopp

**Favorite Assignment:** "Of all the activities, skits were my favorite activity of the entire semester. I especially liked the one my class did on fairy tales."

--Brad Ellsworth

"One of homework assignments was to bring in a joke and tell it to the entire class. Everyone told their joke and it turned out that 95 percent of them dealt with sex. It was an experiment to prove what topic current society finds funny. I also like it when we do shaping. You pick out something you want a person to do, then you have to give them directions on how to do it without telling them directly."

--Amanda Cooke

# MATH ANALYSIS

Kids voted Math Analysis most difficult.

## 3

**Class:** Math Analysis  
**Enrollment:** 75  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Jordan  
**Credit:** 1

**What it's all about:** The content of Mathematical Analysis will serve as appropriate preparation for a calculus course. It is an in-depth study of functions and their characteristics. The study will include, but not be limited to, polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, and piece-wise-defined functions. A thorough treatment of trigonometry is provided through the study of trigonometric definitions, applications, graphing, and solving trigonometric equations. Emphasis is placed on using connections between right triangle ratios, trigonometric functions, and circular functions. Graphing utilities will be used.

**What makes the class difficult:** "One of the hardest aspects of this class is the fast pace. Sometimes we have to take quizzes after only one night of homework and review in class."

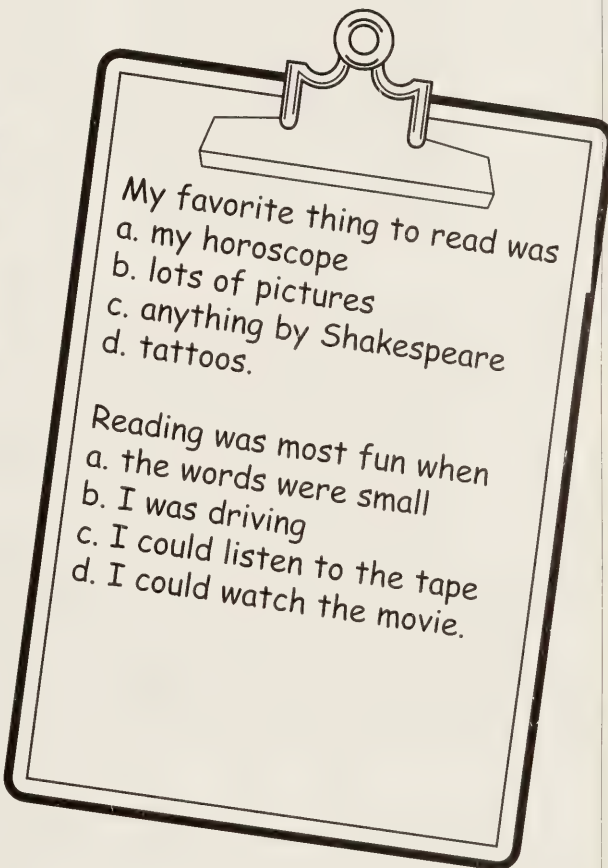
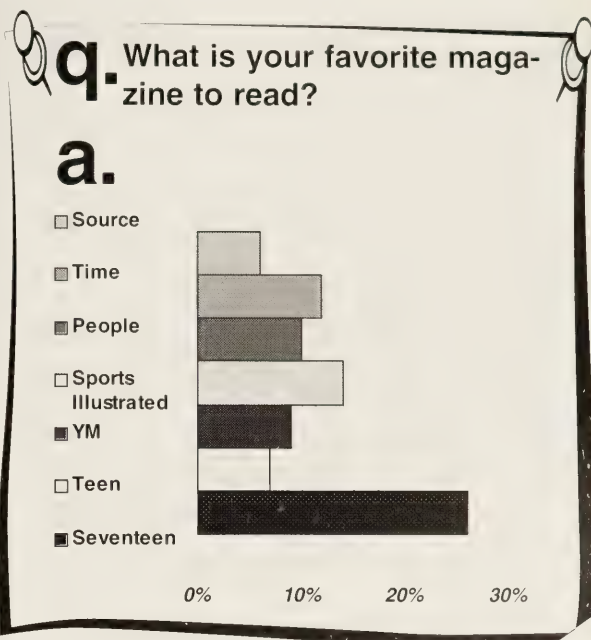
-Marina Merkouris

"As soon as we finish with something, we move on to something new. It's very hard [for me] to remember things I haven't done over and over."

-Emily Hamblet

"The fact is that it is all new to me, which makes it hard to remember everything we have learned."

-Julia Schiesser

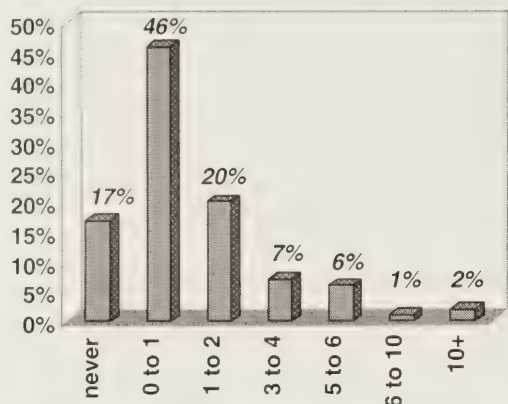




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**q.** How many hours per week do you spend on the internet doing research?

**a.**



Not so strickly speaking. Instructor Joyce Ivan jokes with students prior to class. Photo by James Blackburn.

*"These classes are the highlight of my day because these students challenge me to broaden their cultural horizons."*

--Mrs. Joyce Ivan

**Class:** Advanced English 10  
**Enrollment:** 38  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Ivan  
**Credit:** 1

**What it's all about:** An accelerated course for students motivated to perform beyond the expected grade level. Students study literature and exercise critical thinking developing an understanding of the universality of major themes and an appreciation of good literature.

**Why it's enjoyable:** "While English is not my favorite subject, I enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the class and the many opportunities for discussion. I enjoyed Julius Caesar more than anything else we've read. It was something I'd actually heard of before so it seemed more realistic to me."

-Colt Hagmaier

"I like reading Pride and Prejudice, it was more interesting than the other stuff we read. I understood the plot better because it wasn't as difficult to understand. Mrs. Ivan is really bright and cheery, she's happy all the time. It makes the class more laid back and fun."

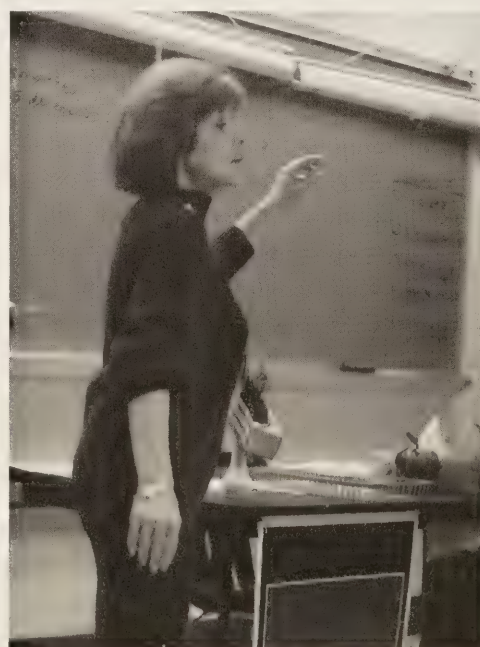
-Jennifer Ziegler

## SPANISH II

Kids voted Spanish II the most difficult.

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**Class:** Spanish II  
**Enrollment:** 38  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Reddington  
**Credit:** 1



Students work reliable and help with classroom activity. They acquire good listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Students also should turn in homework on time. They should also learn language teaming. They also develop a good foreign language habit.

My favorite research project this year was

- my term paper
- my persuasive essay
- when I looked for a car
- other

I should have spent more time researching

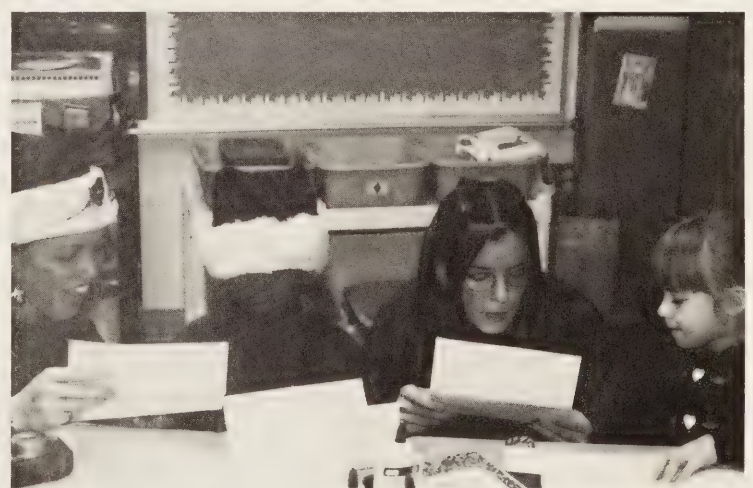
- study habits
- web sites selling cars
- current fashion trends





Responding to requests Mrs. Gebhart's Adv. English 11 class wrote letters from Santa to students at Courthouse Elementary School. On Dec. 22 Jeannie Payne joins the other 'elves' to read her letter to a student. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*

Indian days. As a part of a unit on Native Americans, students in Mrs. Gebhart's english classes researched and presented class projects. Dressed for his part, Ashley Jaderborg sets up his fire. *Photo by Sandra Woodcock.*



Crown's around. As the finishing activity of the study of *Oedipus Rex*, students in Ms. Jones' Adv. English 10 class performed scenes. Christine Tharp looks down on her fellow players. *Photo by Colt Hagmier.*

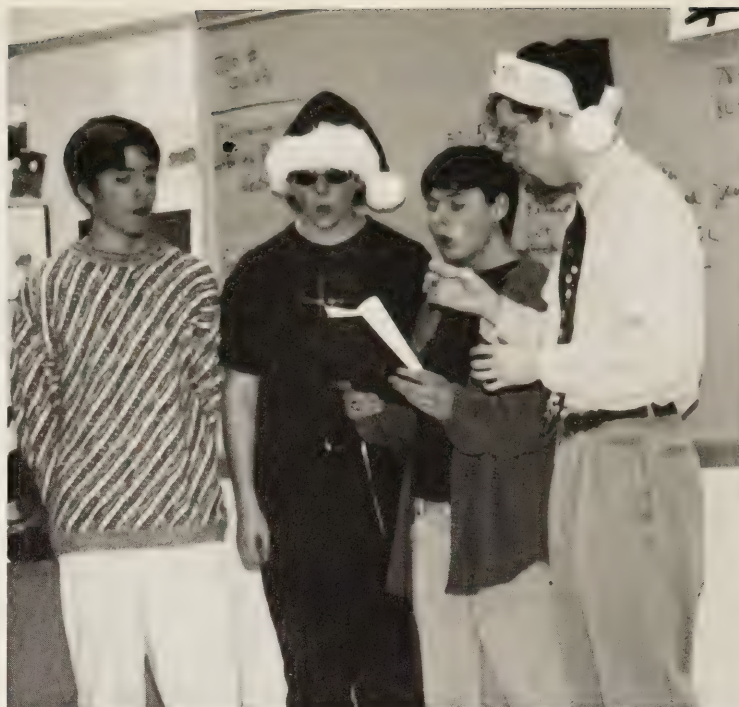
Tis' the season. Students in the letters to Santa project were required to dress as elves. Senna Mrdjenovic and Shannon Duchemin read letters to excited 'little people.' *Photo by Sarah Bryant*



Since the auditorium was not yet completed, the annual holiday concert was held in the gym. Students Katie Ackley and Michelle Samperton perform with the chorus, doing their best despite bad acoustics. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*



Classes were serenaded by Chorus students throughout the day on Dec. 22. Chris Kenney, --- Eugene Mills join Mr. Harris for some acapella caroling. *Photo by Sandy Woodcock.*



Even though the auditorium wasn't finished it didn't stop the annual holiday concert which was held in the gym. Amanda Hayden finishes up the ending of a winter song.

Boasting her part in front of the flag, Haley Loving focus' her attention on Mr. Harris. Following the conductors lead is very important so that the song is sung smoothly.





# ADV. CHEMISTRY

Voted the No. 1 most enjoyable.

**Class:** Advanced Chemistry  
**Enrollment:** 78  
**Teacher:** Mr. King  
**Credit:** 1

## What it's all about:

This course delves more deeply into the fundamental principles of chemistry.

In addition to basic lab investigations, independent lab work and projects are done.

**Favorite Assignment:** "My favorite assignment was the Oreo lab. We did percent composition of regular Oreos compared to Double Stuff Oreos. We were testing to see if the Double Stuff actually did have double the amount of creme filling as the regular. It was close but not quite. We couldn't eat the ones you experimented on, but any excess Oreos were consumed."

-- Jenny Connell

**What's most enjoyable:** "The most enjoyable part of the class is when we have wit wars. And I really enjoyed the magnesium burning lab."

-- Rachel Spencer

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Caught freshening up after spending a marathon day at school, first year instructor Chris King takes advantage of his room's sink. Students enjoyed his fresh approach to Chemistry. "I enjoy the freedom of the lab setting," said student Matt Smith.

# ADV. ALGEBRA II

Adv. Algebra II voted the most difficult.

**Class:** Adv. Algebra II  
**Enrollment:** 71  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Fillare  
**Credit:** 1

## What it's all about:

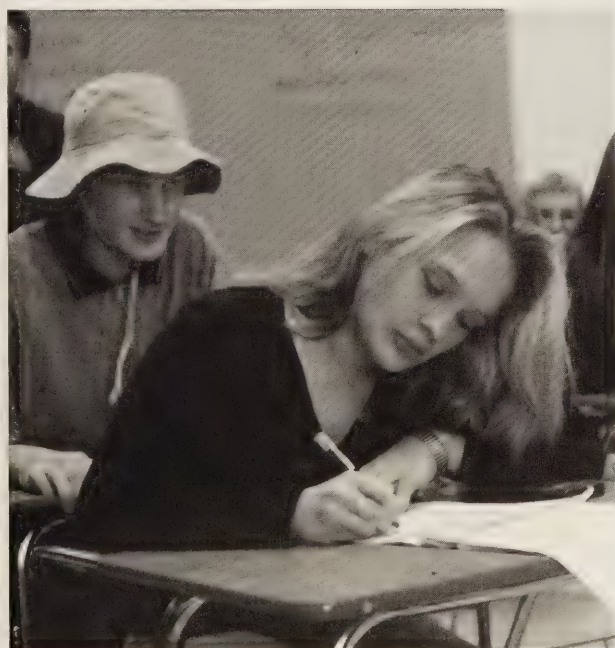
A prerequisite for Math Analysis and

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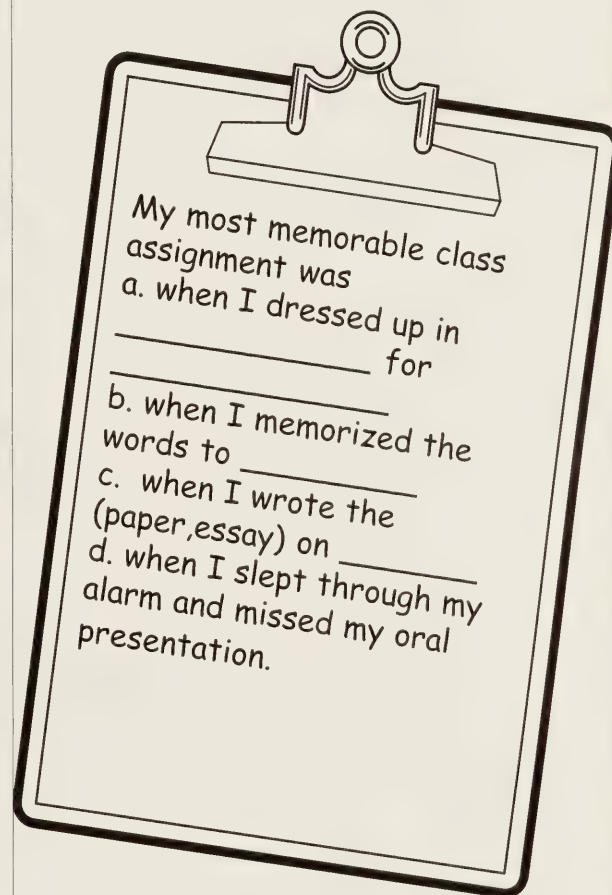
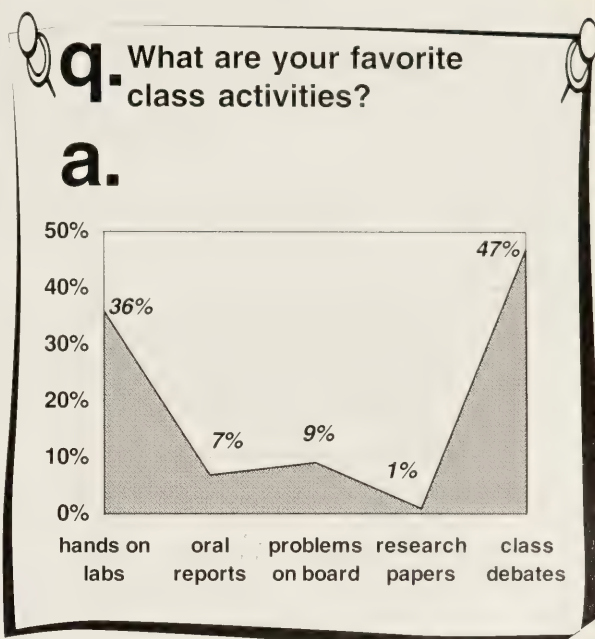
Calculus, the class takes a more theoretical approach to the study of such things as exponents and radicals, polynomial and rational functions, linear and quadratic functions and relations. Complex numbers and analytic geometry are introduced.

**Why it's difficult:** "As the year has passed by the material has gotten harder for me to master. In previous years math was very easy for me. I didn't have to do homework or study for tests [to get good grades]. [I think] Because you haven't studied Algebra for a year, you've forgotten some of the concepts, so you have to relearn them. I spend about 30 minutes to an hour doing homework each night."

--Hansub Chong



Taking the opportunity to work on an assignment, Sabrina Voight makes a dent in her homework early. Daily homework was the norm for students in Advanced Algebra II.





There was more to our lives than the day in/day out classroom routine. On any day, at almost any time, we were involved in something.

After 2:30 p.m. we were on practice fields, in classrooms and throughout the community, weekends too.

Whether we were perfecting our athletic skills, completing a yearbook page, taking a weekend hike, or tutoring elementary students, we were getting involved.

From 7:00 a.m. until alarms were set, student voices echoed



*until all*  
**hours**





While waiting for the start of their field hockey game versus JM, Caroline Givens and Laura Wunderlich shoot the breeze catching up on school and life in general. Participating in a sport strengthened old friendships while providing an opportunity to make new ones. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*

During the pep rally, the Pep band kept everyone jiving and grooving to such tunes as "Inna Gadda Da Vida" and "Louie, Louie." Here, Nicole Kern plays her alto saxophone with real Panther Pride for the enjoyment of all. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*



Spanish club was one of the largest and most active organizations. Kelly Romine tests her pumpkin carving skills at the groups October contest. More than 20 club members joined in the event.



# 4 the record

## THE SCOREBOARD

Monticello	43-57	L
Monticello	59-64	L
Colonial Beach	80-24	W
Fauquier	68-45	L
Colonial Beach	73-24	W
Orange	46-48	L
Spotsylvania	37-45	L
James Monroe	62-36	W
Louisa	42-54	L
King George	53-49	W
Caroline	42-36	W
Fauquier	53-56	L
Spotsylvania	50-45	W
James Monroe	54-24	W
Louisa	38-43	L
King George	32-27	W
Caroline	48-52	L
Spotsylvania	32-57	L

## WORDS QUOTING

*"Perseverance. No matter what's going on, you have to teach the girl's to keep on going, and try to motivate themselves."- Coach Wayne Via on what the most important thing to teach a team.*



**MASSAPONAXLADY?PANTHERS: VARSITY:** Front Row: (L-R) Krystal Johnson, Shannon Faulconer, Valerie Smith, Christine Tharp, Jessica Burnopp, LeAnne Ducote Second Row: Coach Wayne Via, Nicole Heiman, Jennifer Mitchell Christine Deitz, Denise Machonis, Aria Jones, Coach Angie Courtney

## THE SCOREBOARD

Monticello	32-31	W
Colonial Beach	62-9	W
@ Fauquier	23-25	L
@ Colonial Beach	50-4	W
@ Monticello	23-25	L
Orange	30-33	L
Spotsylvania	26-23	W
@ Louisa	30-40	L
@ King Geirge	29-35	L
Caroline	37-25	W
Fauquier	25-37	L
@ Spotsylvania	14-28	L
@ Orange	23-29	L
Louisa	18-42	L
King George	34-22	W
@ Caroline	37-31	W

## WORTH QUOTING

*"This year was a lot of fun. We learned a lot, and we did pretty good for a first year team. We ended the season on a win against Caroline, and began the season with a win."-Sophomore Junior Var-sity player Letitia Bowler.*



**MASSAPONAX LADY PANTHERS: J. VARSITY;** Front Row: Debbie Moore, April Stewart, Lazhai Stewart, Montanique Garland, Manager, Leanne Ducote Second Row: Coach Christine Bennett, Ashley Greer, Letitia Bowler, Lenora Bowler, Jeanie Losh, Coach Kevin Randall







Demonstrating her form as she effortlessly throws a pass to a teammate, Jessica Burnopp (#32) proves her role as the 'go-to-guy.' Burnopp averaged 4.2 points and 1.7 rebounds per game. Jennifer Mitchell (#43) sets a screen to make the whole play possible. *Photo by Gurbada*

## Getting Ready for the *Big One*

**GETTING PUMPED:** "We sang "Pump it Up" before every game, and Coach Via banged on the lockers. Before a game, when I came home, I would watch T.V. or go on the computer, and just try to do anything to get my mind off basketball."

--Debbie Moore

**PROPER NUTRITION:** "Basically, people went out to eat before the game, and talked about the game." --Valerie Smith

**PREGAME SPEECH:** "I think its got to be

well-rounded. You have to go through the basics, especially with a young team. You have to know the right things to say with a team, how to properly get them ready. Of course, you also have to discuss strategy, and the team that you are about to play." -- Wayne Via

**U-N-I-T-Y:** "We always made sure that before every game we went somewhere to eat as a team." --Jessica Burnopp

*by Mike Eltringham*



Preparing to fire a pass to a teammate or possibly shoot, freshman JV player Lazhai Stewart (#20) was a vital member of the squad. "Lazhai was a freshman bright spot that will be a large contributor to the Lady panthers basketball program for years to come," said JV Coach Kevin Randall. *Photo by Gurbada*

"Just stick your butt into 'em. Ther's no other way to put it," is Jennifer Mitchell's (#43) advice on hitting the boards. Attempting to get a rebound, she blocks out two defenders. Mitchell finished the season with 4.7 rebounds per game and 5.9 points per game. *Photo by Gurbada*



"It was awesome to be able to be a head coach at 24 years old and only three years coaching in the country," said Coach Via, shown her during a game against Spotsylvania. *Photo by Gurbada*



Strategy is a key factor to running a cross country race. The runners have to plan how to run the course in order to achieve the best time. Before their race, the boys' team gathers in a huddle around their coach to prepare for the long and tiring run. Team members from left to right include Brandon Rehberg, A.J. Lee, Coach McDonald, Adam Conner, Tim Hepp, Joe Scelzo, and Keith Parker.

An important part of being a strong runner is setting a good pace for yourself from the start of the race. With the sound of the start gun the boys' team begins on their five kilometer journey. Pictured from left to right are A.J. Lee, Tim Hepp, Matt Herbek, Keith Parker, Adam Conner, Brandon Rehberg, and Joe Scelzo.



## Going the Distance

**GETTING STARTED:** "I joined the Cross Country team because it was a great way to keep in shape and to condition for swimming."

-- Kyrstan Polaski

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** "Practices involved mostly pretty simple long runs and hillwork. We ran through streams which was a lot of fun, and we made shortcuts through the woods to scare our other teammates."

-- Adam Conner

**SEASON HIGHS:** "My favorite part of the season was long runs because something crazy always happened. We [the girls] would put branches on our heads and pretend to be trees. And when the

guys ran by, we'd jump out and beat them with sticks."

-- Erin Chapman

**SEASON LOWS:** "My least favorite part of the Cross Country season was the practices when we had to run five kilometers at a five minute pace with only a two minute break."

-- Brandon Rehberg

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "If someone wants to run Cross Country, they had better like to run a lot. A good runner has to have endurance and be willing to work hard. It's not too hard, but you have to apply yourself."

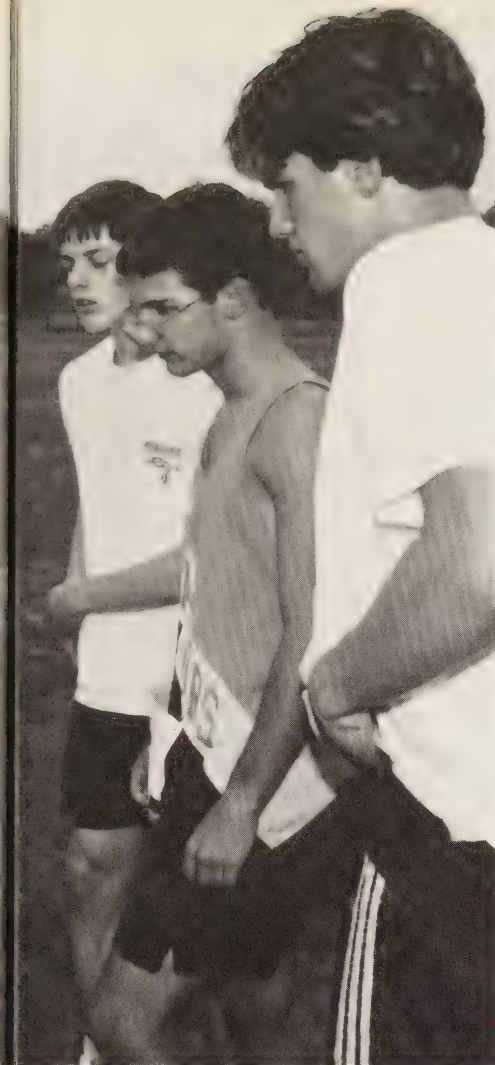
--KathyOvard

by Randall Pierce

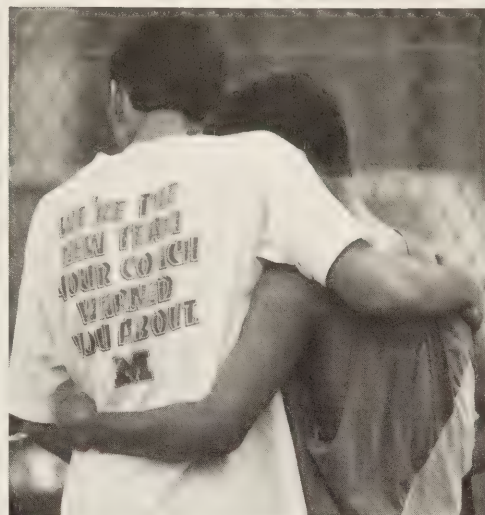


Junior Keith Parker was this year's top male runner for the Panthers' first cross country team. At a meet against district schools including Spotsy, Keith sets the pace for himself as well as most of the other runners.





The new team shirts for the cross country team showed unity and pride among all the runners. Printed on the back was the statement, "We're the new team your coach warned you about." Modeling the shirt is Coach McDonald shown with runner A.J. Lee after a grueling meet.



At a meet, Kyrstan Polaski looks on as fellow sophomore runner Kathy Ovard holds up and examines the team shirts for the Panthers' first season. Both the girls' and guys' team wore their shirts on days of their meets, alternating outfits with Sunday-best dress attire.



## 4 the record

### THE GIRLS BOARD

Chancellor Invitational	5th
Louisa	L
King George	L
Caroline	W
Orange	W
Spotsylvania	W
James Monroe	W
Districts	2nd

### THE GUYS BOARD

Chancellor Invitational	10th
Louisa	L
King George	L
Caroline	L
Orange	L
Spotsylvania	W
James Monroe	L
Districts	7th



CROSS COUNTRY: Front Row left to right: Joe Scelzo, Angie Deitz, Remy Merriam, Kyrstan Polaski, Anthony Lee. Second Row: Coach Black, Tim Hepp, Adam Conner, Keith Parker, Caroline Westover, Erin Chapman, Coach McDonald.

The final hundred meters of a race can be the most tiring as well as the most crucial, but Caroline Westover pulls away from two Louisa runners as she nears the finish line at a district meet. Caroline, a junior, was this year's top runner for the girls' team.



It's all about pride when it comes to spirit. The band and cheerleading squads engaged in spirit battles during each football game. Nikki Cunningham and Adrienne Edwards are out to prove that no matter how many battles the cheerleaders will always win the war. (Gurbada)

Deep in conversation, cheerleaders, (l to r) Tarah White, Krissy Somers, and Shannon Voss, discuss the game and an upcoming cheer. Talking to each other became a diversion from the cold nights on the sidelines. (Gurbada)



## With Smiles *Intact*

**GETTING STARTED:** "I wanted to cheer, because I wanted to represent my school in a new way. I wanted to cheer on others who stood for our school."

--Adrienne Edwards

"I chose to cheer my senior year because it was just that, my senior year. It also gave me the chance to do something different at a new school."

--Cassandra Hall

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** "Before the season started we had to practice at the Marshall Center in the gym and outside. "It was hot inside, it was outside, but nothing could cure the heat. But we still performed well at each game."

--Tarah White

**SEASON HIGHS:** "The best part of our season was the homecoming game and pep

rally. It was lots of work but it turned out great."

--Bridget Benedict

**SEASON LOWS:** "The only bad thing about the season was the weather getting hot and then getting really cold. When it was cold, in order to put on your warm-ups and gloves everyone had to have all their stuff. We weren't allowed to take our bodysuits off when it was hot."

--Jacque Messeder

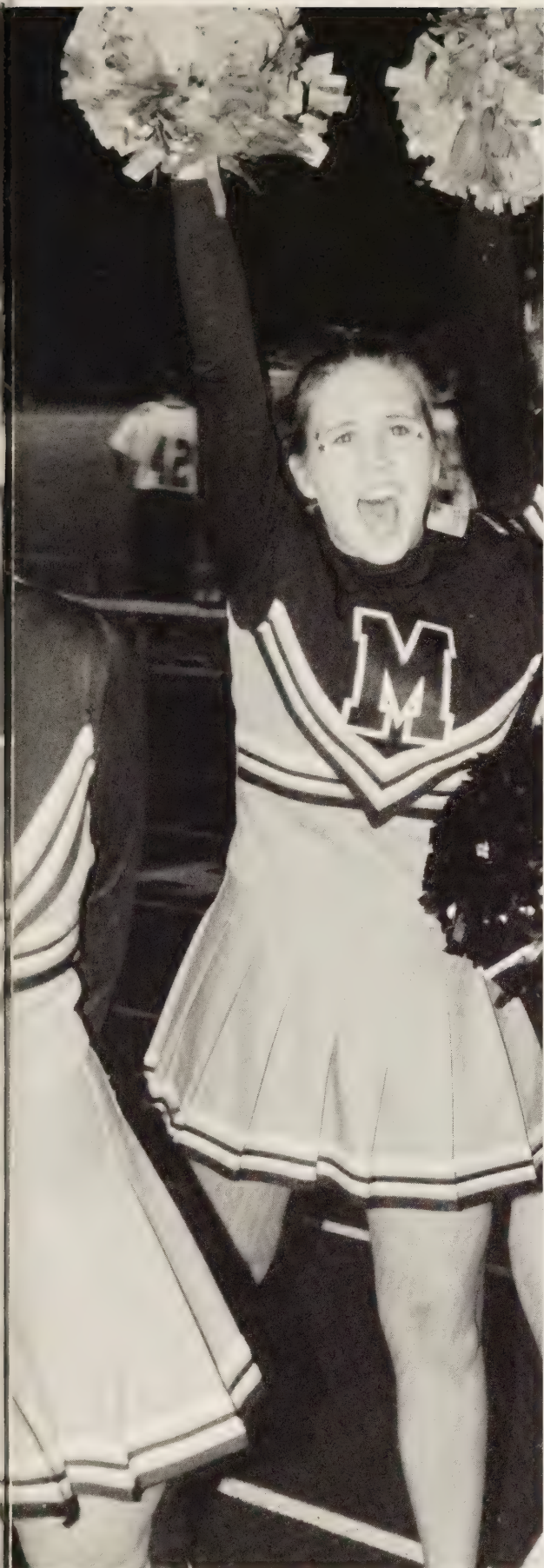
**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "You have to be full of energy, able to work with other, and plenty of time to devote to cheering. Don't go into cheerleading with a stereotype, it's a lot of hard work."

--Adrienne Edwards

by Elita Walker







Upbeat and into the game, Jan Muerdler cheers on the girl's basketball team. Covering girl's basketball games was one of the fall squad's many responsibilities. "It sometimes got a little hard to keep track," said Muerdler. (Gurbada)

During a home basketball game, the varsity squad keeps the crowd pumped with a spirit cheer. "Spirit is a big part of cheering, it keeps everyone going," said Adrienne Edwards, (first on the left). (Sarah Bryant)



## 4 the record



Fall Varsity Cheerleading: Front Row: Jan Muerdler, Jessica Jordan  
Second Row: Cassandra Hall, Nikki Cunningham, Bridget Benedict  
Third Row: Tarah White, Stefanie Antosh, Adrienne Edwards, Krissy Somers  
Top Row: Alison Seay, Jacque Messeder, Shannon Voss



Fall Junior Varsity: Front Row: Ashley Boyles, Anne Payne Bullock, Melissa Steiniger, Jennifer Craig  
Top Row: Meghan McCumber, April Flath, Cathy Hilker, Whitney Clark, Anne Griffey



During the JM home match Shannon Vitaruis makes a successful clear out of the back. "I enjoyed playing for the team very much. It was a great learning experience and I met a lot of new people," said Vitaruis.



## 4 the record

### THE SCOREBOARD

	Us	Them
Courtland	1	4
Chancellor	1	3
Courtland	1	2
Monticello	4	1
Spotsylvania	2	1
Caroline	5	1
Orange	1	2
King George	2	1
James Monroe	0	3
Spotsylvania	0	1
Caroline	7	1
Orange	4	1
King George	3	0
James Monroe	2	4

Record 6-7

### WORTH QUOTING

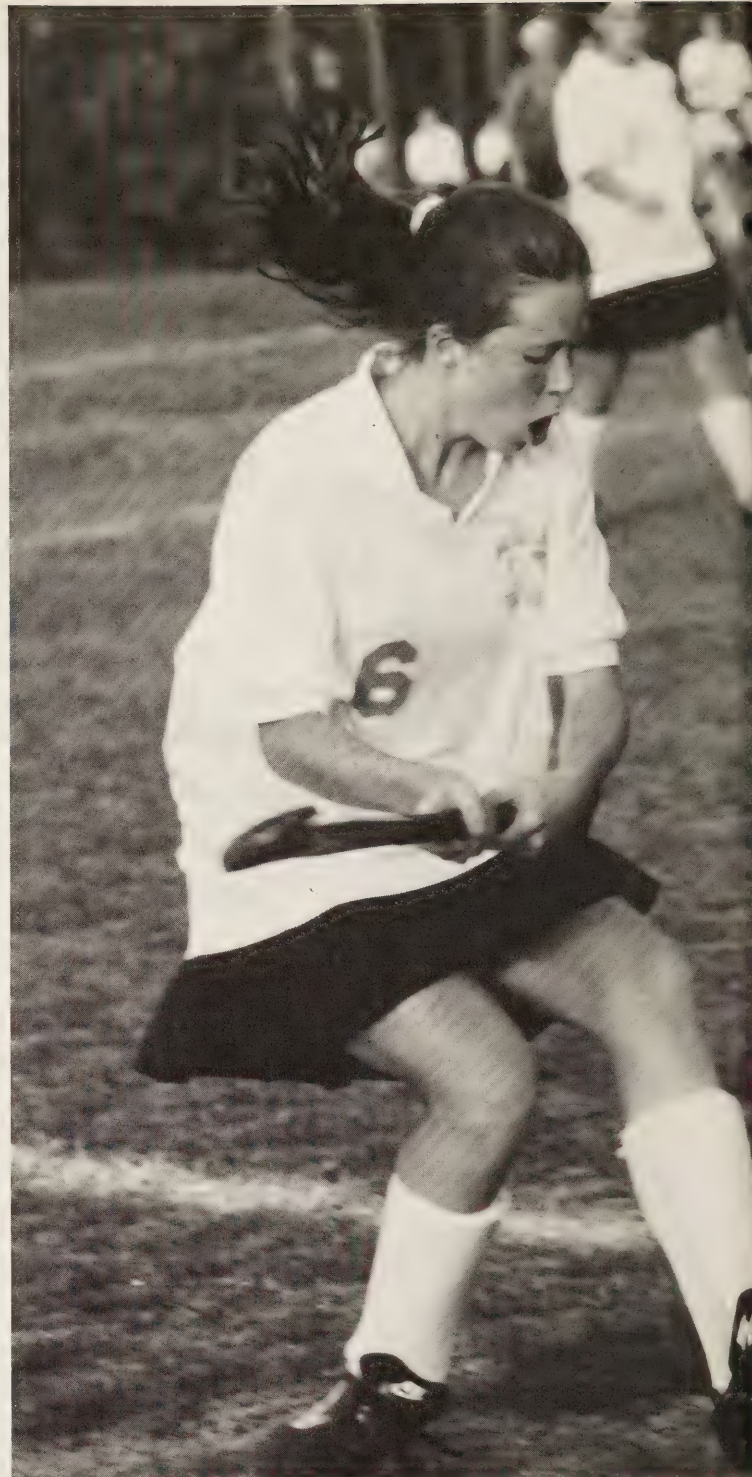
"We did so much better than we were ever expected to do. We got off to a slow start, but once we got goin, no one could stop us."

*-Holly Slavin*



**VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM** Front Row: Sara Stultz, Carolina Buchannon, Tiffany Joseph, Christina Hovey, Lindsay Fuoco, Amanda Cabral and Kelly Romine. Second Row: Emily Erwin, Mary Flangen, Lindsey Harmen, Heather Schnell, K.C. Cowser, Monica Nolan, Jessica McDonald and Holly Slavin. Back Row: Coach Bridget Rooney, Caroline Givens, Allison Sapp, Shannon Vitaruis, Rebecca Richards, Laura Wonderlich, coach Bridget Halter and coach Amy Benard.

For many people, goalie is not the most liked position, but Jen Greenfield sees it differently. "I enjoyed playing goalie, it was pretty fun and I thought the only down side was all the stuff you had to wear," she added.







With a look of determination upon her face, Caroline Givens wins a fifty-fifty ball. The lady panthers had to play their home games at Thornburg Middle instead of Massaponax due to the lack of playable fields.

## Exceeding the *Expectations*

**GETTING STARTED:** "I was concerned going into the season because I thought other teams might have an advantage over us. We being a new team, we had no previous playing experience together and all the teams we were to play had been together for quite some time."

--Allison Sapp

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** "Even Though I do love feild hockey, the practices do get really tiring and tremendously repetative, but you have to keep in mind, your only as good as you practice." --Caroline Givens

**SEASON HIGHS:** "When our winning streak began had to be the most exciting mo-

ment of the season. The game against Spotsylvania was tight and aggressive the whole way through but we finally pulled out the win.

--T.J. Joseph

**SEASON LOWS:** "In the beggining of the season I was becoming a little worried. At the conclusion of our first three games we were 0-3, but then we turned things around and started playing like I knew we could."

--Jen Greenfield

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "If you dont like to run and don't have any upper body strenth, then I hate to say it but field hockey's not the sport for you.

--Carolina Buchannon

by Devin Wright



Preparing to pass the ball back for a regrouping of the team, Tiffany Joseph gives one last look. "We won a lot of our games with passing, as they say the ball is faster than the foot," added Tiffany.

JM hosted the game that decided the rank of the Massaponax team in the district. "We played well but JM was just a really good team, I think the experience helped us in the long run though," said Rebecca Richards. Here Richards battles for the ball against an opposing JM player.





## THE SCOREBOARD

	<u>We</u>	<u>Them</u>
Louisa	13	0
JM	6	14
King George	21	10
Caroline	7	14
Spotsylvania	0	35
Chancellor	0	47
Pallotti	3	8
Orange	12	42
Monticello	28	8
Randolph-Macon	28	18

## WORDS 2 REMEMBER

Do it Right, Do it light, Do it wrong, Do it long.  
--Coach Seaman

Through a great deal of hard work, many challenges and an abundance of team unity and spirit; the foundation has been laid for Panther Football.

-- Coach Ludden



**VARSITY TEAM** Front Row: left to right: Brandon Donaldson, Erik Young, Stephen Morin, John Broughton, Joey Morin, Joe Perry, Turk Baker, Dana Newton, Jason Young. Second Row: David Clark, Kevin Morin, Richard Paytes, Jason Yench, Brad Ellsworth, Lee Eustace, Eric Depollo, Matt Baumgartner, Patrick Dougherty, Reed Fairchild. Third Row: Adrienne Ward, Dwayne Ovard, Roscoe Childs, Jay Fairchild, Vince Young, Paul Little, Jay Toles, Allen Windsor, Anthony Smith, Mike Hicks, Allyson Williams-Mele. Fourth Row: Ted Berna, Ray Gill, Ryan Westveer, Bobby Bradley, Tom Hetman, Justin Nissley, George Yin, Glen Grau. Top Row: Coach Perry, Coach McMillian, Coach MeeHan, Coach Clements, Coach Ludden, Coach Seaman, Coach Osso, Coach Wright.

## THE SCOREBOARD

	<u>We</u>	<u>Them</u>
Louisa	16	14
King George	25	6
Caroline	44	0
Spotylvania	31	0
Chancellor	42	8
Brooke Point	50	12
Orange	45	6
Monticello	42	14

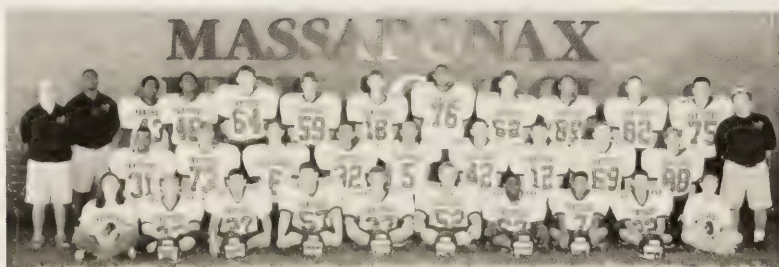
## WORTH QUOTING

JV is the building to success

-Coach McMillian

Wait till next season

-Eric Ludden



**JV TEAM** Front Row: Allyson Williams-Mele, Ray Cliff, Brian Spivey, Steven Knight, Brian Hoffman, J.R. Waller, C.J. Simmons, Eric Ludden, Adrienne Ward. Second Row: Jerry Lewis, Jonathan Suwinski, Drew Bare, Jay Toles, Stephen Morin, Daniel Castro, Ryan Hall, Brandon Donaldson, Ben Clark. Top Row: Coach Wright, Coach McMillian, Eric Parker, Mike Hudson, Tom Hetman, Eric Depollo, Shawn Kidel, Daunte Snowden, Matt Baumgartner, Erik Young, Lee Eustace, Norman Brooks, Coach Perry







To beat the Cadets the Panthers had to use a combination of attacks. Pulling out all the stops, Derek Sears tries to escape from a pursuing Cadet for a gain. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

# Grid Iron *Battles*

**GETTING STARTED:** "I went to the team camp during the summer and that got me conditioned. I also got to work on my skills. I think the team came together at camp because it was a time to get everything together and to bond. I remember the rubber band thing."

**-Joey Morin**

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:**

"The part of practice that was crucial was team. It was the period when we could work together on new plays or just practice the old ones. I think

team was the best part of practice."

**- Kevin Morin**

**SEASON HIGHS:** "Everybody was a little nervous before our first game. My favorite memory was when we won the first game against Louisa."

**-Justin Nissley**

**SEASON LOWS:** "The most difficult part of the season was coming back after surgery. I had to practice and go through games with one

hand. Everyone called me flipper boy because my hand was wrapped up."

**- Bobby Bradley**

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "Football gives you physical and mental discipline and stability. You can incorporate everything in football to actual life, be it from that extra effort to restrain your anger."

**- Brad Ellsworth**

**-by George Yin**



Speed was essential for the whole Panthers football team especially for the Quarterback. Ryan Hall escapes narrowly when he is rushed by two opposing players and runs for a touchdown against Monticello. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

Blocking was an important part of the panthers victories. Varsity quarterback Joe Perry has plenty of time to throw the ball thanks to panthers offensive linemen Justin Nissley and Matt Baumgarten. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

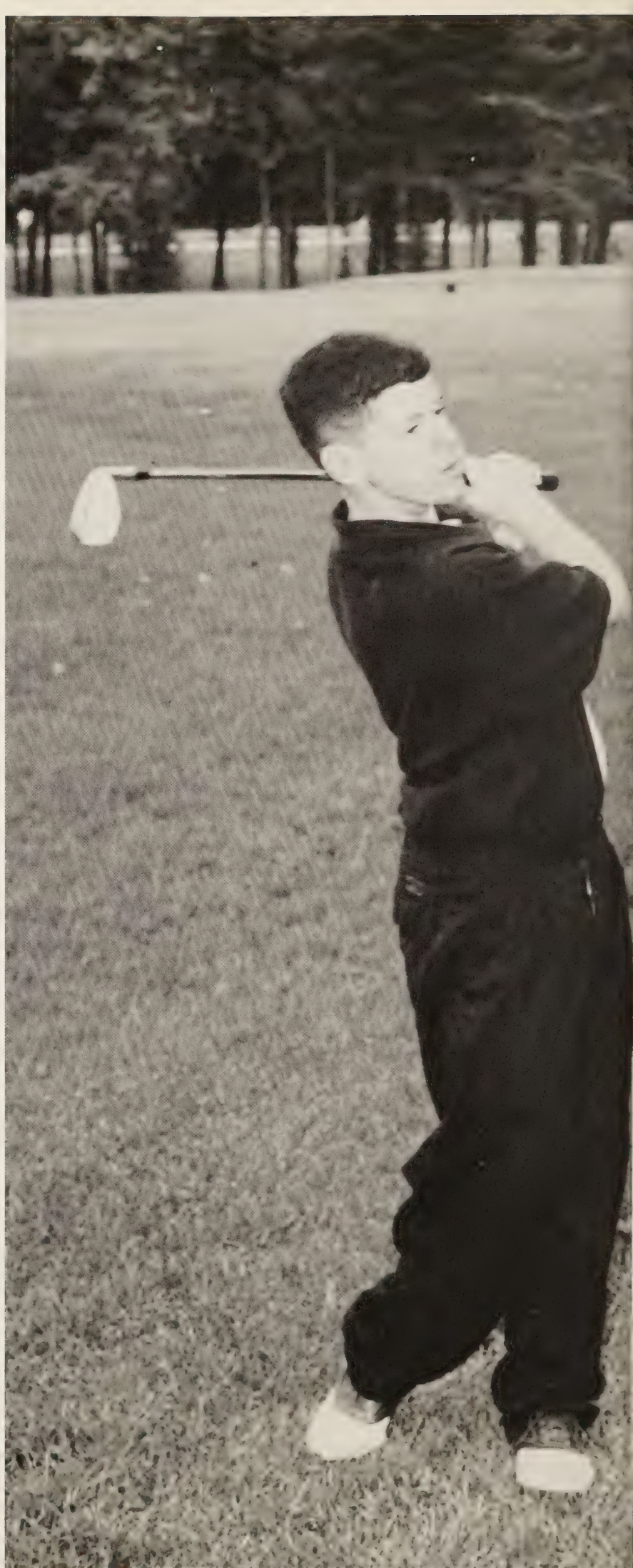


JV offensive players Drew Bare, Brandon Donaldson, and Daniel Castro listen intently to Coach Perry's directions for the next offensive series. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



With ease, David Newton chips from the rough in pursuit of a good score on the hole. Newton, one of the many sophomores on this year's team, helped carry the team which ended up tied for first in the regular season.

Junior Mike Fuoco exhibits good form while preparing for a strong drive down the fairway during practice. A good stance, proper posture, and excellent hand-eye coordination can help any golfer improve his or her game.



## 4 the record

### THE SCOREBOARD

Oponent	Us	Them
Courtland	175	197
King George	171	189
Louisa	167	179
J.M.	169	185
Orange	177	171
Spotsy	161	201
Orange	167	175
King George	178	178
J.M.	169	185

### WORTH QUOTING

"Next year will definitely be our year to win it. We are all young and can only improve in time."

-- Jason Bonner



GOLF TEAM: FRONT ROW; DAVID NEWTON, JEREMY COLWELL, MIKE FUOCO, RYAN CRAIG, STEVEN POIRIER SECOND ROW; COACH SEFTIS, CHIP CLARKE, ERIC MEYERS, JAMES BLACKBURN, TODD PICKERING, DANIEL ROSS, JASON BONNER



# Fore and *away*

The game of golf means more than just a relaxing day on the course. For some it is a very competitive sport as well.

This year the golf team started out as the underdog in the district, but they used skill, strong effort and teamwork to tie for first in the final standings with defending district champs, Orange High School.

Their only loss of the season was a six stroke defeat against that same Orange team.

The Panthers avenged their loss two matches later, however, beating the defending district champs by eight strokes at Lee's Hill Golf Course. Lee's Hill served as Massaponax's "home" course all season long.

"My favorite part of the season was playing with my teammates at practice," **Jason Bonner** said. "We would go to the

driving range and hit golf balls and then play nine holes. It was lots of fun."

The team's success continued even after the regular into the district tournament. Bonner made a hole in one during the tournament but missed receiving a spot in the state tournament by one stroke, despite a solid effort.

Teammate **Todd Pickering** went to the district tournament as well and also added an excellent performance. Pickering was the team's number two golf behind Bonner.

Because the regular season ended in a tie, the district tournament was used to decide the winner. Orange placed first and took both titles, but that didn't defeat the hard work and pride shown by the Panthers throughout the year.

*by Randall Pierce, Eric Myers and Nick Barksdale*



Sophomore Jason Bonner chips from the rough during practice at the driving range at Lee's Hill. "I joined the team to play golf competitively," Bonner said. Doing just that, he played very competitive in districts and almost earned a birth in the state tournament.



Keeping his eye on the ball and his head down, Ryan Craig gets ready for a long drive during an afternoon practice at the driving range. Craig, a freshman, gave a strong effort all year long to help his team and make himself a better golfer.



Communication is a key factor when it comes to critiquing each others' routines. Friends are often the harshest critics. Adrienne Edwards, Lindsey Carr, Heather Ellmer, and Kiersten Sayles converse about their acts during a home meet. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*

The gymnastics team shows their thanks to their parents by giving them roses during a home meet. The presenters are Adrienne Edwards, Lindsey Carr, Heather Ellmer, Angie Deitz, and Kiersten Sayles. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*



## Twist and Turn

**GETTING STARTED:** "I joined the team because I've done it for ten years. I just love the sport and I wanted to be on the first team."

**-Heather Ellmer**

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** "We build strength and learn new skills during practice, which makes our routines worth more. But practice really helps to build relationships among members and to establish a closely-tied team."

**-Adrienne Edwards**

**SEASON HIGHS:** "My favorite part of the season was when I got an 8.5 on the floor

routine at our first meet. It boosted my morale."

**-Lindsey Carr**

**SEASON LOWS:** "Our team got off to a rough start, but from all our bad and good experiences we've grown closer to each other and our coaches."

**-Angie Deitz**

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "For anyone who wants to start gymnastics, you need to build on the basics and then work your way up. Patience is the key to it all."

**-Jan Muerdler**

**-by George Yin**



Concentration is very important in gymnastics. Kiersten Sayles shows how disciplined she is by working the balance beam. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*





Preparing for the competition at home, Jan Muerdler tapes her sore ankle so that she will be ready for her events. As a gymnast, Muerdler admits her body takes a lot of "wear-and-tear." Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.



The balance beam is a routine that takes a large amount of concentration to compete in. Here Angie Deitz tries to impress the judges with a graceful dance pose during a home meet. Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.



## 4 the record

### THE BOARD

	Us	Them
Turner Ashby	110.3	114.05
Chancellor	103.05	
Courtland	115.65	122.05
Orange/Spotsylvania	1st	
Courtland Invitational	3rd	
Harrisonburg Invitational	108.15	
District Tournament	2nd	

### WORTH QUOTING

"Patience is the key."

-Lindsey Carr

"It was a typical first year. Just wait till next year."

-Coach Irwin



Striking a pose, Heather Ellmer shows off her floor routine during the District tournament at Massaponax. Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.



GYMANASTICS: First Row: Heather Ellmer. Second Row: Kiersten Sayles, Lindsey Carr, Adrienne Edwards, Amanda Sciandra. Back Row: Coach Cottrel, Angie Deitz, Jan Muerdler, Coach Irwin.



Freshman Brandy Hall swims down the lane doing possibly the most oxygen depriving stroke there is, the butterfly. Hall was one of the few swimmers who stayed loyal to do this event. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

Freshman Samantha Mitchell comes up for a breath of fresh air while swimming in the freestyle event. Mitchell completed the 100 meter freestyle which is four lengths of the pool. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



## Catch the *Wave*

**GETTING STARTED:** "I joined the swim team because I've swam for 7yrs. and it's become second nature to me. Swimming to me is life!"

--Cathy Hilker

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** "I don't mind practicing at night because it gives you a chance to stay after school for clubs. The only disadvantage is that we can't attend any other sports games which are held at the same time as practice."

--Lindsey Harmon

**SEASON HIGHS:** After a rough start this season, we all pulled through at the

end, and it has led me to two state qualifications."

--Monica Nolan

**SEASON LOWS:** "I've had a bad shoulder for about 3yrs. and during the King George meet I blew out my shoulder out. I thought maybe it was the end of my season, but I recovered in time for districts."

--Jennifer Mitchell

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "If you don't have good upper body strength and high spirits, swimming not for you."

--Courtney Shortal

by James Blackburn and Elita Walker



During practice Monica Nolan demonstrates how to tie a tie for teammate James Blackburn. On meet days, male swimmers wore shirts and ties. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*





In preparation for a night practice Monica Nolan and Courtney Shortal laugh their way through stretches. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



Team work is the key. Junior Lindsay Harmon explodes off the block just as her teammate touches the wall. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



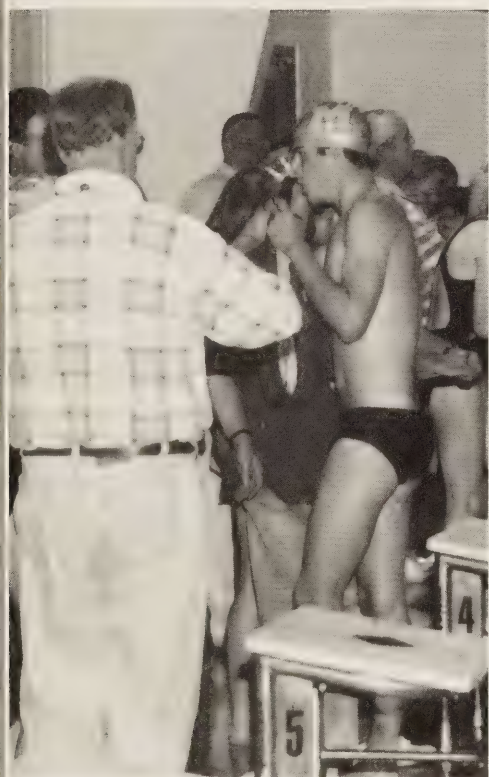
## 4 the record

### THE GIRLS BOARD

	Us	Them
Courtland	L	W
King George	L	W
Chancellor	W	L
Spotsylvania	L	W
James Monroe	L	W
Spotsylvania	W	L
Districts	4th	

### THE GUYS BOARD

	Us	Them
Courtland	L	W
King George	L	W
Chancellor	L	W
Spotsylvania	W	L
James Monroe	L	W
Spotsylvania	W	L
Districts	3rd	



The first ever swimming season could not of been so successful without the assistance of loyal parents. The parents were the timers, the starters, and the officials. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



Swim Team. *Front row:* Monica Nolan, Virginia McIntyre, Kasey Crowder, Dennis Beall. *Second row:* Brandy Hall, Courtney Shortal, Chip Clark, Matt Herbek, Jennifer Mitchell, Cliff Atkins, Whitney Clark. *Third row:* Samantha Mitchell, Cathy Hilker, Natalie Hahn, Kristen Polaski, Lindsay Harmon, Kristin Malove, Juliette Zerick. *Back row:* Coach Bennett, Andrea Lyall, John Chakwin, Jon Morrow, Keith Parker, JP Yurgel, Greg Pavela, Colt Hagmaier, Eric Myers, Kyle Norwood, Jason Dempsey.



# 4 the record

## THE SCOREBOARD

Us	THEM
WIN	MONTICELLO
WIN	LOUISA
WIN	KING GEORGE
WIN	CAROLINE
WIN	COLONIAL BEACH
LOSS	ORANGE
WIN	SPOTSY
WIN	JM
WIN	LOUISA
WIN	KING GEORGE
WIN	ORANGE
WIN	SPOTSY
WIN	JM
WIN	COLONIAL BEACH
	DISTRICTS

## WORTH QUOTING

*"Try out for the team, you may have talent you didn't know about."*

*-Nichole Heiman*

## THE J.V. SCOREBOARD

Us	THEM
WIN	MONTICELLO
WIN	LOUISA
LOSS	KING GEORGE
WIN	CAROLINE
WIN	COLONIAL BEACH
WIN	ORANGE
LOSS	SPOTSY
WIN	JM
WIN	LOUISA
LOSS	KING GEORGE
LOSS	ORANGE
WIN	SPOTSY
WIN	JM
WIN	COLONIAL BEACH
	DISTRICTS

## WORTH QUOTING

*"I had goals for each member of the team, and every one of the goals were surpassed by all of the girls."*

*-Coach Gerry Mann*







At a home match against Caroline, varsity players receive a pregame pep talk from Coach Mann. The team defeated Caroline 15-3 and 15-5. Photo by Amy Hamblet.

# Bump, Set *Spike*

**GETTING STARTED:** "I joined the team because I love volleyball and I wanted to improve my skills. The main reason I joined was just to be part of the team in some way."

**-Chaunteé Schuler**

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** "Practice was crowded. We had only one coach for two teams. He spread himself really well but it's still not easy with 17 or 18 girls. We practiced the same things everyday so that it would come naturally during games."

**-Denise Machonis**

**SEASON HIGHS:** "My favorite part of the season was when we defeated Orange

county in the rematch after they beat us the first time."

**-Christine Deitz**

**SEASON LOWS:** "My least favorite part of the season was our loss to Orange. It was our first loss, and took first place away from us."

**-Nichole Heiman**

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "My advice to anyone who wants to be on the volleyball team is to come to the tryouts and give it your best. Playing on the team gives you a sense of leadership."

**-Kristine Rivas**

*by Nick Barksdale*



Showing off their District trophy on Feb. 13 are members of the varsity team. The women celebrated their victory at the event hosted by district rival Louisa. Photo by Kristine Rivas.

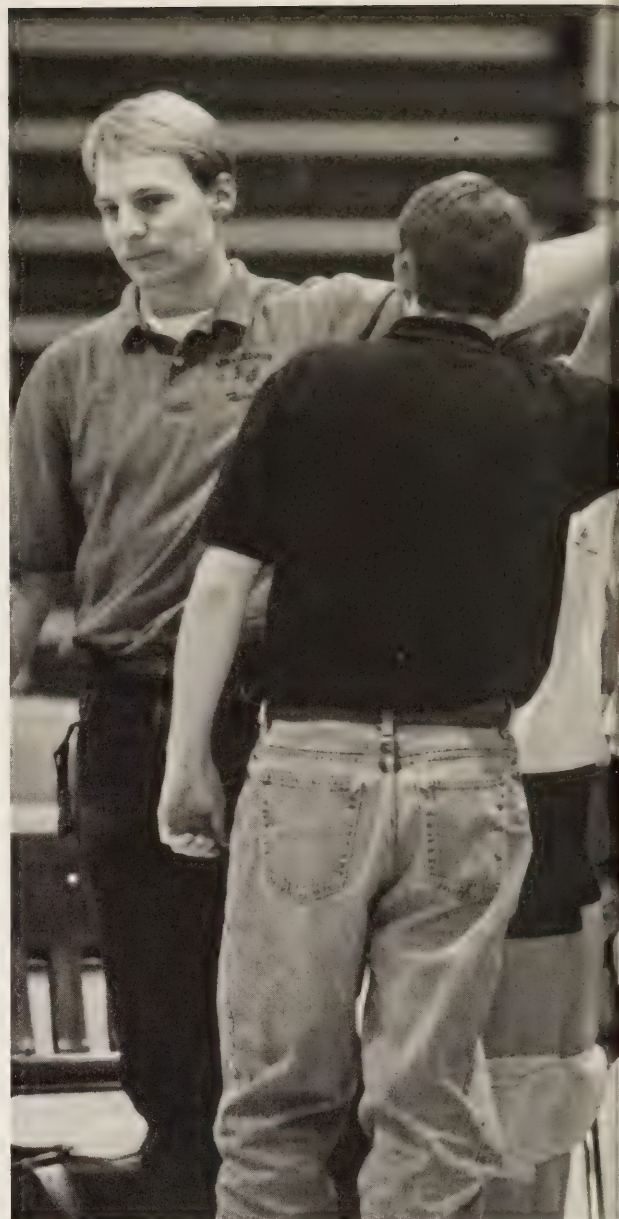


Digging a ball in the last game of the match, Katrina Culpeper helps the Massaponax Panthers JV Volleyball team win on December 8. Photo by Amy Hamblet.

During pregame warm-ups on Dec. 8, Chrissy Deitz pops the ball over the net. The team's victory over Orange earned them first place in the district standings. Photo by Kristine Rivas.



Returning the ball for the Panthers, Chrissy Deitz reaches for the hit. The Panthers won this district game against Spotsy without any problems on Saturday, February 13 at Louisa. Photo by Amy Hamblet.



# Play More Volleyball

**DISTRICT HIGHS:** "My favorite part of the district tournament was the suspension of not knowing if we would win and then the relief and excitement of a successful season after the win."

-Emily Hamblet

**WELL EARNED VICTORY:** "The competition at the District tournament was difficult but since we had played all of the teams before we knew exactly how each of our opponents would play."

-Chaunteé Schuler

**TOURNAMENT WIN:** "I felt ecstatic when we won the tournament, all of the team's goals had been met. It was the first district championship for the school and very meaningful to the players."

-Coach Gerry Mann

**TOUGH COMPETITION:** "The competition at the Regional tournament was only a small step up from Districts. The teams were consistent and had awesome defenses. The ball never touched their side of the court."

-Christine Deitz

**LOOKING AHEAD:** "Next year's season will be a whole lot tougher because teams like Chancellor and Courtland will be moving down to be in our division. The outlook is good, though because we will all be returning to play again with more experience together."

- Nichole Heiman

Trying to block for the Panthers, Jacque Messeder and Christine Deitz get up but miss the ball. All the girls on the team worked hard together to get to districts and played extremely well to earn Massaponax its first district victory and trophy. Photo by Amy Hamblet.

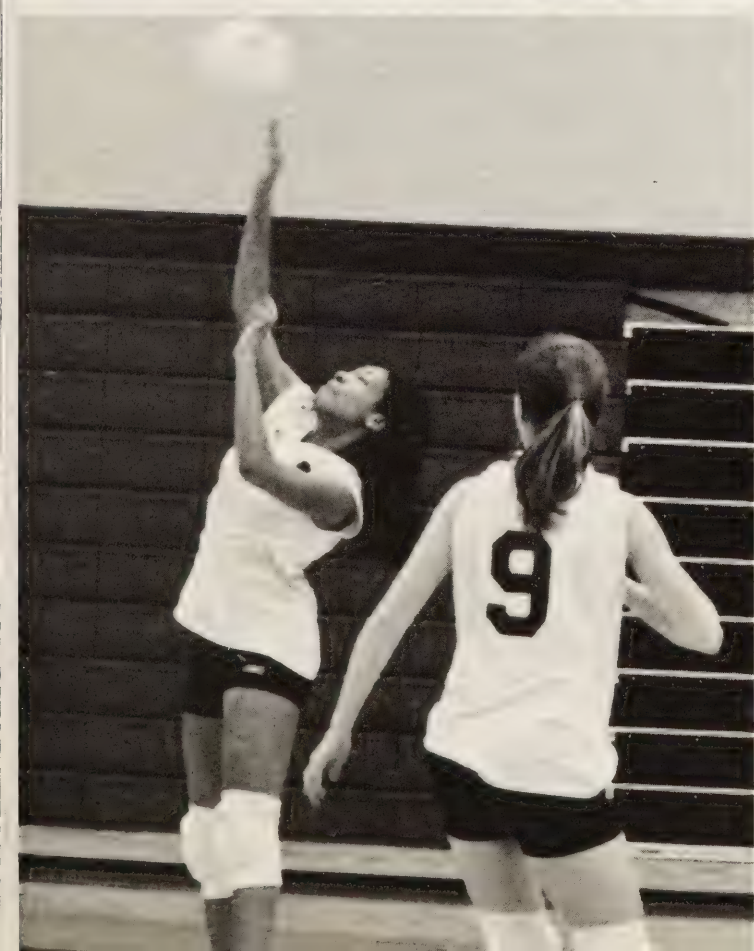






The coach of the year, Gerry Mann, cheers with his team after the victory that made the Panthers the season champs. Coach Mann was chosen out of all the volleyball coaches in the district as the "Coach of the Year" He earned it with his superb coaching skills and helping the team to regionals. *Photo by Stevi Antosh.*

Nichole Heiman serves an ace for Massaponax against Spotsy at the district tournament at Louisa on February 13. Heiman went on to serve out the game for another win. *Photo by Amy Hamblet.*



**Massaponax Volleyball Team:** Shannon Faulconer, Amanda Antosh, Remy Merriam, Katrina Culpepper, Tonia Rutherford, Krystal Jackson, Christine Rivas, Coach Gerry Mann, Manager Charlie Cook, Valerie Smith, Amy Hamblet, Christine Tharp, Chauntee Schuler, Denise Machonis, Christine Deitz, Jacque Messeder, Nichole Heiman, Emily Hamblet, Bridget Benedict, Manager Nick Barksdale, Assistant Coach Mr. Stebar

Chauntee Schuler smacks the ball back at the opposition, Orange County at the Volleyball district tournament on February 13. Schuler helped lead the team to victory. *Photo by Amy Hamblet.*



## THE SCOREBOARD

Varsity	Us	Them
Chancellor	44	65
Essex	64	59
Courtland	50	91
Chancellor	55	74
Courtland	37	62
Louisa	39	46
Hylton	31	45
King George	31	45
Caroline	40	68
Orange	41	51
Spotsylvania	57	61
James Monroe	51	63
Louisa	45	53
King George	44	67
Caroline	42	78
Orange	56	76
Spotsylvania	49	79
James Monroe	51	67

## WORDS 2 REMEMBER

"I had envisioned at least a five win season, but the combination of untimely injuries and inexperience proved too much for a first year team. I was more than proud of the team's work ethics and 'never say die' attitude. Both should definitely be huge pluses next season." Coach Andrew Hence



**VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL:** FRONT: Maurice Hayes, B.J. Sayles TOP ROW: Coach Stan Clements, Manager Aria Jones, Ryan Noel, Brian Anderson, Andrew Shin, Rick Norman, Michael Jurkow, Tim Allmond, B.J. Brooks, Reed Fairchild, Jay Fairchild, Manager Jeanie Losh, Coach Andrew Hence.

## THE SCOREBOARD

Junior Varsity	Us	Them
Chancellor	L	W
Essex	L	W
Courtland	L	W
Chancellor	L	W
Courtland	L	W
Louisa	L	W
Hylton	L	W
King George	L	W
Caroline	L	W
Orange	L	W
Spotsylvania	W	L
James Monroe	W	L
Louisa	L	W
King George	L	W
Caroline	L	W
Orange	L	W
Spotsylvania	L	W
James Monroe	W	L

## THE SCOREBOARD

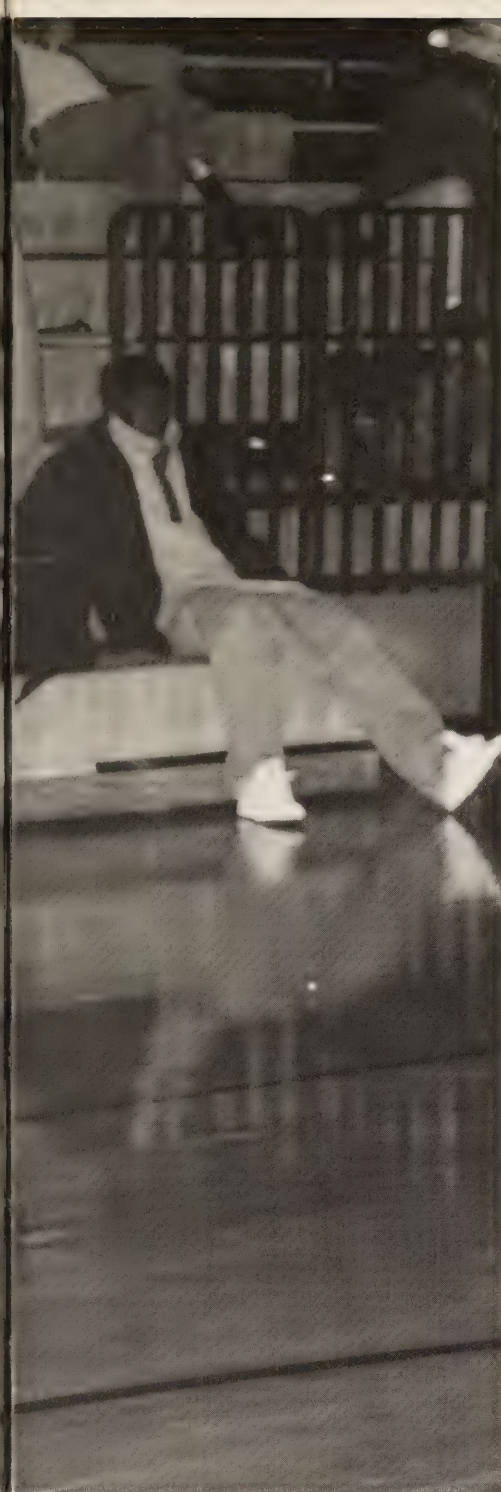
Freshmen	Us	Them
Chancellor	52	35
Courtland	48	49
Chancellor	46	38
Courtland	43	42
Orange	44	43
Spotsylvania	32	43
Orange	39	44
Spotsylvania	56	32



**JUNIOR VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL:** FRONT ROW: Alex Martin, Brandon Carter, Carl Iverson, Stephan Minor, Trae Heubi, Richard Erwin, Charles Simmons, Tyrone Brickhouse BACK ROW: Coach Wayne Via, Kenny Hazzard, Marcus Savoy, Lee Eustace, Michael Hudson, Jon Gardner, Nick Reynolds, Todd Pickering, Sean Rhea, Patrick Sykes, Jordan Armstrong, Coach Chris McMillan.







Accurate shooting and long range were two essential parts of being a consistent three point threat. Displaying the correct techniques, B.J. Brooks (22) sinks a three-point shot. Brooks averaged 10.5 points per game and led the team in three point shots. *Photo by Ron Sanders.*

# Starting from Scratch

## GETTING STARTED:

"I trained in the weight room and trained with my strength."

— **B.J. Brooks**

"We lifted weights, and got in shape."

— **Ryan Evans**

"We prepared ourselves mentally, we had to study basketball and school."

**Rick Norman**

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:

"I concentrated on my shooting and defensive game."

— **B.J. Brooks**

"I have to practice at playing inside and boxing out."

— **Jon Gardner**

"I have to work on being more aggressive."

-- **Ryan Evans**

## SEASON HIGHS:

"My season high was when I scored 26 points against Essex."

— **B.J. Brooks**

"Knowing that we will be the best next year."

— **Ryan Evans**

"When we beat Essex."

— **Tim Allmond**

## SEASON LOWS:

"To keep playing and practicing hard after losing our games."

— **Brian Anderson**

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "Play hard and practice a lot."

— **Maurice Hayes**

"Just keep trying, you never know what will happen."

— **Jon Gardner**

"Coach Hence said, 'If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail.'"

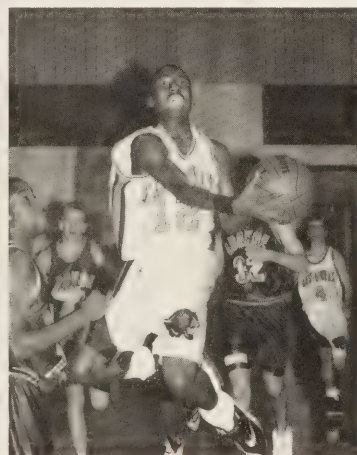
— **Ryan Evans**

*Mike Eltringham*



Players constantly bumped into each other in an attempt to get the best possible position under the basket, proving that basketball was a physically demanding contact sport. JV Point Guard Brandon Carter (12) takes it strong to the basket. *Photo by Ron Sanders.*

Taking a breather, players Brian Anderson, B.J. Brooks and Tim Allmond join Coaches Andrew Hence and Stan Clements on the bench. Anderson averaged 7.5 points per game, Brooks averaged 10.5 points per game and Allmond 8.4 points and 7 blocks per game. *Photo by Ron Sanders.*

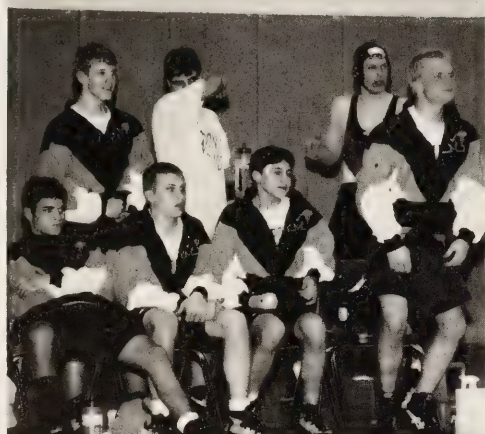


A sometimes overlooked but vital part of the game was defense. B.J. Sayles (5) pressures an Orange defender. Sayles led the team in steals. *Photo by Ron Sanders.*



Strength is a must in the sport of wrestling. Sophomore Ian Kaila holds on tight during an important match against Orange. Photo by Segall-Majestic.

Wrestling is a individual sport as well as a team one. Jeremy Hayes, Eric DePollo, David Hawley, Jeremy Colwell, Ash Harding, Eric Bliss, and Ian Kaila cheer on as their teammates during a home match against Orange. Photo by Segall-Majestic



## Down for the *Count*

**GETTING STARTED:** "We did a lot of conditioning at the beginning of the season. Lifting weights helped us out a lot, too."

**-Jason Young**

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** "Practice was always planned out to the second. We would usually spend more time on live wrestling than anything else. As a whole, we needed more practice on the basic techniques."

**-Jeremy Colwell**

**SEASON HIGHS:** "We were a very young team. My season high was when we beat Louisa and we had a chance of being co-champions with Orange."

**-David Hawley**

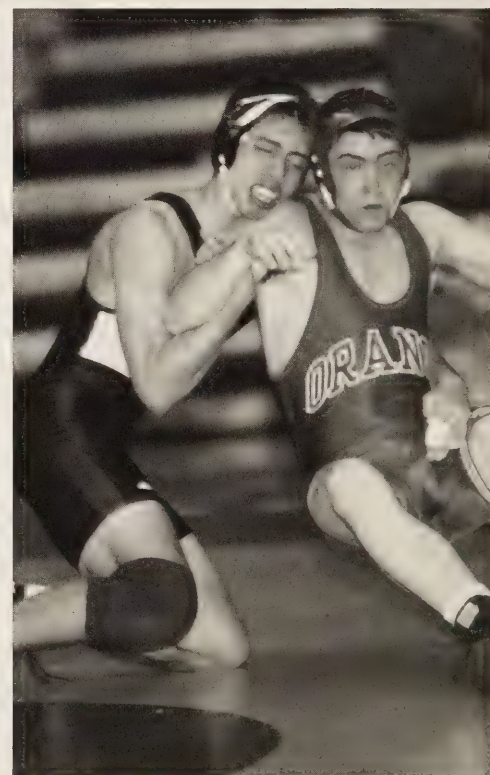
**SEASON LOWS:** "The thing about the season that I thought was the low point was when we had some coaching problems. We almost broke apart, but we made it through and finished the season strong."

**-Agee Showers**

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "I think our old coach John Tatum put it best when he would tell us "You can't be successful without hard work." That was the exact description of our season. Hard work."

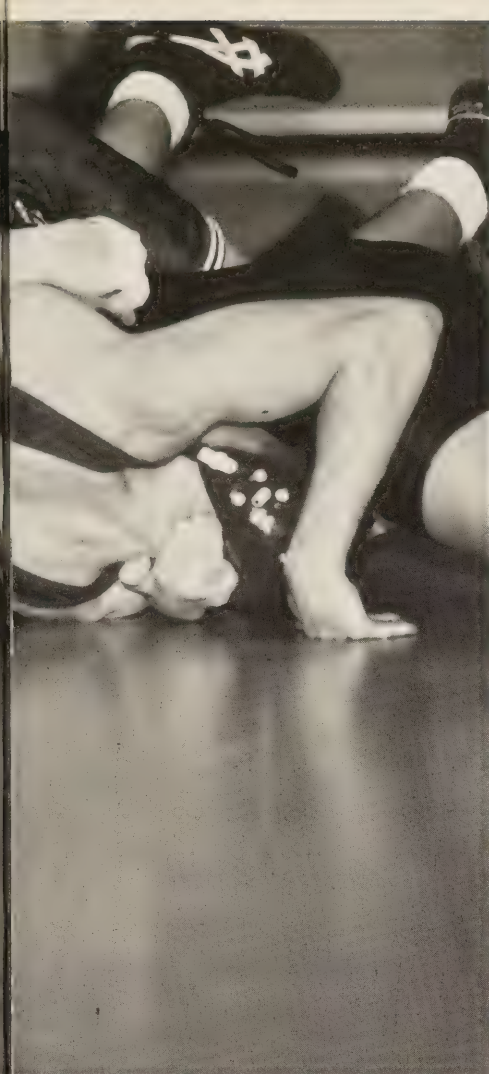
**-Agee Showers**

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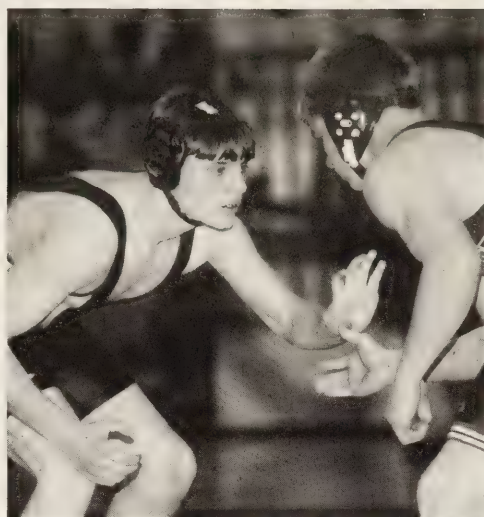


Position is crucial during the course of the match. John Broughton fights to stay in control during an important home match against Orange. Photo by Segall-Majestic.





Planning ahead helps to keep from stalling. Eric DePollo tries to set up a move so he can complete his takedown. The first takedown is crucial the outcome of the match. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



A wrestler can beat an opponent mentally by not revealing your motives. Jason Young tries to sike out his Orange opponent out by looking straight into his eyes. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



## 4 the record

### THE BOARD

12/9	Chancellor	L
12/16	Manassas Park	L
1/6	@ Spotsylvania	L
1/9	@ Woodberry Forest	L
	Harrisonburg	L
	Spotsylvania	W
1/19	Orange	L
1/20	@ King George	W
1/23	@ Essex (Quad)	2nd
1/30	@ Monticello	W
2/3	Louisa	W
2/10	@ Essex	W

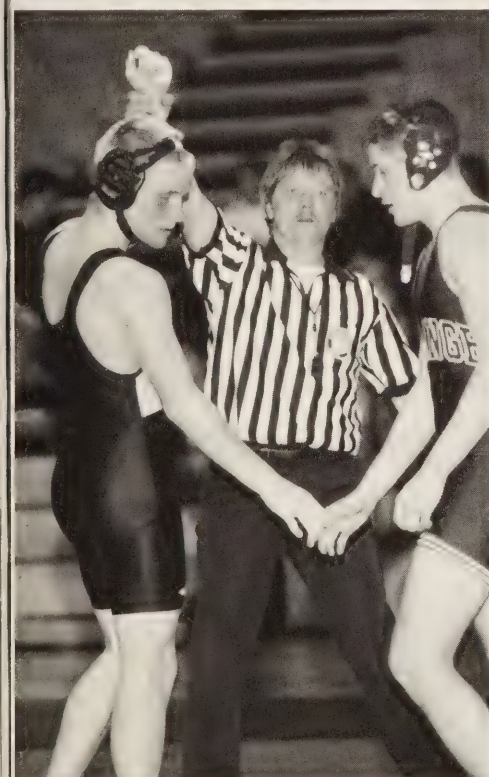
### WORTH QUOTING

The best team I have ever been affiliated with.

-Coach Clark

Athleticism, discipline, and character will bring you to the top.

-David Hawley



After a grueling match, wrestler Ian Kaila gladly accepts the victory over Orange. The key win made him the top seed at the district tournament. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



Wrestling: Front Row: Jeremy Colwell, Melissa Steiniger, Agee Showers. Second Row: Ian Kaila, Jeremy Hayes, Mark Gonda, Rob Richards, Josh Rawe, Steve Adams, Justin Newton. Third Row: Coach Jeff Clark, Manager Tamela Becker, Jay Morris, Eric Bliss, James Bragg, Ben White, Nick Knepp, Manager Mandy Cabral, Coach T.J. Vireck. Back Row: Coach John Tatum, Ash Harding, Joey Pascuzzi, Ande Evans, David Hawley, Eric DePollo, Jason Young, Coach Howard Cole.



Going for the gold, sophomore Erin Chapman strives through the final lap of her 1000 meter run. Erin scored many points for the panthers and went on to qualify for states in 5 events. Photo by Segall-Majestic.

# Big Strides for the Sole Fleet

## WHAT DID YOU DO TO GET STARTED?

"At first we did a lot of conditioning and plyometrics to get our legs ready for the constant running. Then later we broke up and trained for our specific events." — **Caroline Westover**

**WHAT PART OF PRACTICE DID YOU CONCENTRATE ON THE MOST?** "I concentrated the most on my final throws some days and -lifting other days." — **Brad Ellsworth**

**SEASON LOWS:** "The most difficult aspect of the season is winter break, because a lot

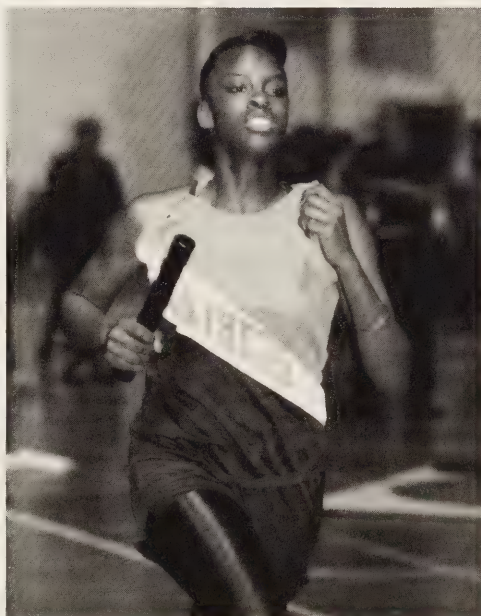
of us can't practice at home ." — **Allyson Burns**

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "Track is a great way to learn self-discipline. It is so much a mental sport and you know you really have talent when your body's telling you to quit but you keep going." — **Erin Chapman**

**SEASON HIGHS:** "My season high was setting a new district record in the long jump at Fork Union and qualifying to go to states in 5 events." — **David Clark**



On a cool summer day Timothy Hepp bounds over one hurdle while he keeps a vigil eye on the next. Hepp, a sophomore, worked very hard during these warm-ups to help condition his legs and also prevent the onset of shinsplints. Photo by Segall-Majestic.



Allison burns pushes hard to finish her last lap in the 4\*400 meter dash. During the indoor season this race takes on a whole new form as the runner must run two laps as opposed to one. Photo by Segall-Majestic.



Tiffany Joseph thrust upward as she prepares to release the shotput. This event is very technical and needs much practice. T.J. improved her throwing tremendously through practice. Photo by Segall-Majestic.



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## THE SCOREBOARD

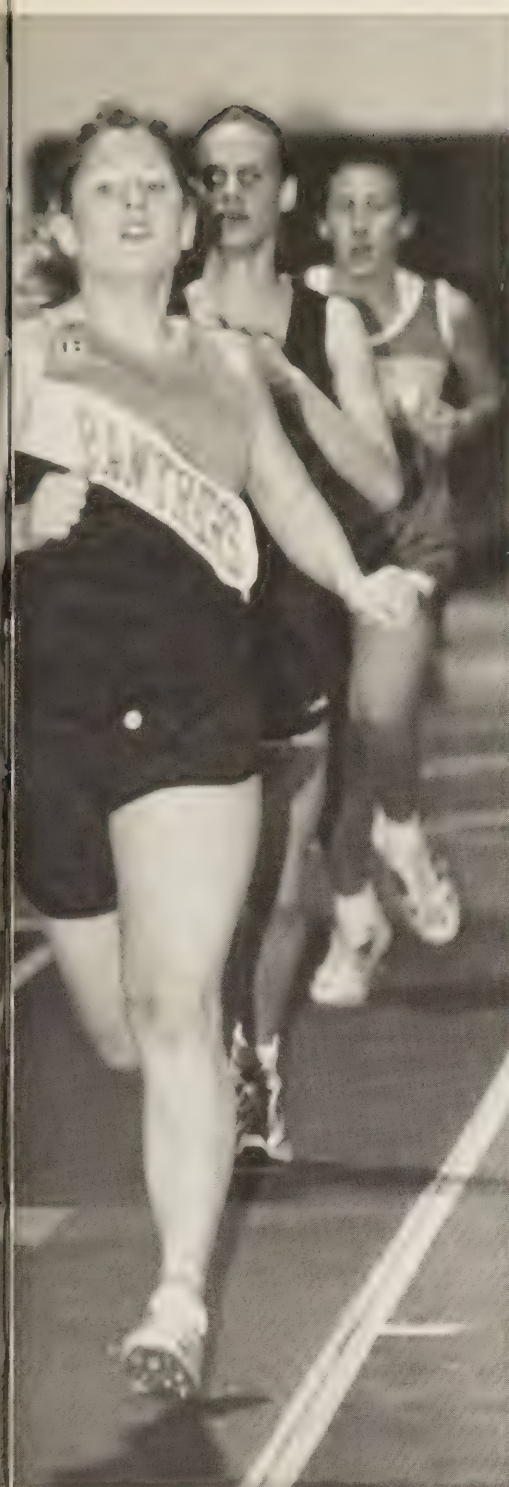
Caroline  
Chancellor  
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Fork Union

## WORTH QUOTING

"Although the season wasn't filled with wins we all had a lot of fun and gained some experience to go into the outdoor season with."---Jay Toles



Indoor Track: Front Row: Brandie Suggs, Mary Yancy , Erin Chapman Second Row: Michael Schelzo, Kelli-Beth Broome, Shericka Bundy Michelle Krier, Jay Toles, Justin Blake, Kyrsten polaski, Top Row: Coach Macdonald, Colleen Fawler, Caroline Westover, Timothy Hepp, David Clark, Shawn Kidd, Ryan Caltibiano, Joe Schelzo, Deanna Mrdjenovic, Jennifer Downing, Coach Macdonald



Breaking new ground senior David Clark jumps his way to a new district record. Clark broke the old district long jump record and left quite an impression at districts leaving with 2 gold medals. Photo by Segall-Majestic.

Jay Toles puts on his game face as he thrusts the shotput from his shoulder. Toles, only a sophomore, was a key to the panthers sprint relays and field events. Photo by Segall Majestic.

Caroline Westover sets a good pace during an exhausting mile run. The junior was also a regular point scorer for the panthers leading the distance team. Photo by Segall-Majestic.





**Role Call.** Prior to the game the cheerleaders helped boost the spirits of the crowd. The cheerleaders took the floor to cheer on their favorite players, Jo-Al Simmerman and Amanda Edwards do just that. *Photo by Ron Sanders.*



Panthers, if you want to win, yell M-H-S. J.V. cheerleaders, Audra Rojak, Dana Suich, and Candace Price, perform between quarters, during a home basketball game. *Photo by Ron Sanders.*

## Leading The Crowd

**GETTING STARTED:** "It really helped that I knew how to dance because we had to dance in tryouts. We had to run, do push ups, and do a lot of sit ups. We spent a lot of time doing motions, too. They wanted to make sure we stayed tight."

**-Alicia Prickett**

**PRACTICES MAKES PERFECT:** "In cheering you really need to work on motions and we did that. We also worked on making up new cheers and memorizing them."

**-Christen Duchemin**

**SEASON HIGHS:** The basketball team won ONE game. We all became friends and

had a fun time, even though we didn't win much."

**-Emily Bagby**

**SEASON LOWS:** "I dislocated my left knee two days before the first game of the season. I couldn't prance or bend. It was hilarious watching me."

**-Jo-Al Simmerman**

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "You have to be fun, energetic, and high spirited. You want to be the 'life of the party' kind of gal."

**-Carolina Buchanan**

*by Elita Walker*







Our winter cheerleaders play a helpful role during basketball games. Performing a chair to boost the boy's basketball team, Emily Bagby and Christen Duchemin cheer the team on during the pregame role call. *Photo by Ron Sanders.*

Success, Success, Panthers are the Best. This cheer was performed between quarters of the basketball games. It help to provide the players with support they needed to get through the game. *Photo by Ron Sanders.*



## 4 the record



**WINTER VARSITY CHEERLEADING:** Front Row: Emily Bagby, Alicia Prickett, Amanda Edwards, Carolina Buchanan, Heather Rollins  
Second Row: Elita Walker, Christen Duchemin, Caroline Givens, Jeannie Payne, Andrea Price, Jo-Al Simmerman



**WINTER JUNIOR VARSITY:** Front Row: Sara Newton, Elisa Bennett, Linsay Fuoco, Candice Price, Nicole Trigg  
Second Row: Sara Shepard, Audra Rojak, Latoya Baker, Mary Flanigan



All together now. The big performance, smiles in place, motions tight, and everyone was ready to go. The squad placed fourth in the final standings, but the general opinion was that everyone had a great night. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*

Pep it up. Allison Seay gets in to the performance, hair, smile, and motions in place. "We practiced hard and a lot, I thought we had a great performance," she said. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*



Put it all together. In the last practice the night of the competition, the squad makes sure their formation is just right. The squad had to be familiar the mat before the show. *Photo by Segall-Majestic.*







Stand up, Let's hear it, yell 'M.' Massaponax's first cheering squad used signs as props for their first performance. Sara Newton, a member from the J.V. squad, got to hold the 'M.' Photo by Segall-Majestic.

Anxiously awaiting. Once the performance was over the squad was left waiting for the results. "I was rubbing Jo-Al's shoulders after our performance," said Nikki Cunningham, "because we were all really tense." Photo by Segall-Majestic.



# All Cheered Up

**GETTING STARTED:** "For tryouts we had to know a cheer and the first sixteen counts of a dance. They were pretty easy."

**-Alison Seay**

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** "We practiced Monday thru Friday from four to seven after school. Then we also had to practice on Saturday from eight in the morning to noon. We did this for about a month. We were together a lot."

**-Adrienne Edwards**

**SEASON HIGHS:** "We all became so close. Before our performance we were on the mat, ready to go, before the music

started we were holding hands. We were all great friends."

**-Nikki Cunningham**

**SEASON LOWS:** "We placed fourth at districts. We should have at least placed third. Some of the girls from James Monroe High School thought we had won, but that was before the judges decisions."

**-Jo-Al Simmerman**

**WORDS TO THE WISE:** "Smile and have fun. Practice makes perfect."

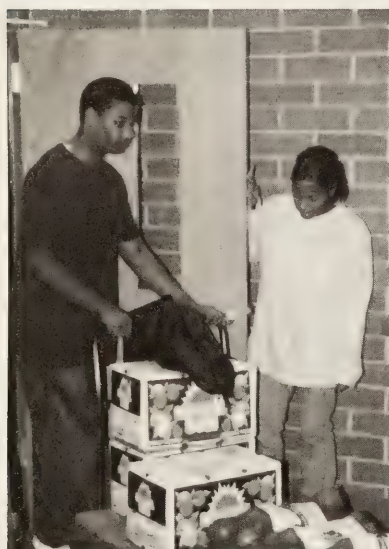
**-Christen Duchemin**

*by Elita Walker*

Dance as you have never danced before. Christen Duchemin dances hard in the final practice before the big performance. "Have fun and smile, but practice, practice, practice," said Duchemin. Photo by Segall-Majestic.



Sugar and spice anyone? During their lunch shifts, Jennifer Saemann and Jason Miller sell Santa Grams to students. For \$1 candy and a hand-written message was delivered to students on December 21. Proceeds went to the school newspaper, *The Growl*.



An orange a day. Future Farmers of America (FFA) raised some of their funds this year by selling fruit. Bryan Lewis and Tamarah Hanson deliver ordered fruit to faculty customers during their study hall.




No trick, just treats. The Forensics Team chose to sell Halloween Grams as one of its first fundraisers. Candy was a popular choice and an easy sell. Sophomore Renee' Keeler sells her share in costume.

Santa's helper. Stuffing bags with holiday candy, Photojournalism class prepares Santa Grams for distribution. Journalism students donated candy for the fundraiser which raised funds for the school newspaper. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*







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"I like fundraising because I get to eat the candy sell. The only problem is that I have to pay for it."  
-**Jennifer Hamilton** on fundraising for a band trip.

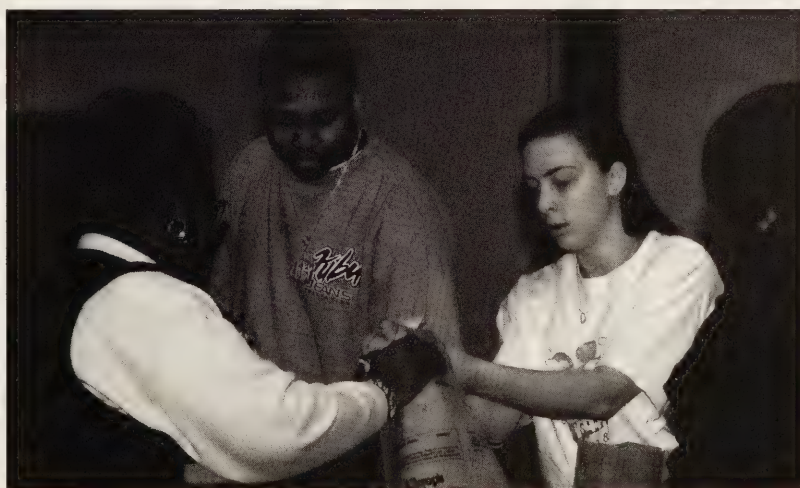
"I liked fundraising so that I didn't have to pay for the Marine Science trip to Virginia Beach."  
- **Quoi Hopkins**

"I sold candy bars at the Latin Convention. I wasn't hard, I actually studied Latin while doing it. People just walked up and said 'Hey, I want a candy bar,' and gave us 50 cents."  
- **Juliette Zerick**

"We raised money not for our club, but for an organization that gives the money to poor people in foreign countries. We raised money and then as part of the fundraiser we had to fast for 30 hours. Fasting wasn't hard, the time went by fast. And, it was for a good cause."  
- **Emily Hamblet**

"The fundraising helped gave me more responsibility because I had to keep track of the money and the people who ordered."  
- **Bret Raymond**

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Stress busters. Taking a unique approach to fund-raising, FBLA sold exam study kits for \$5. FBLA sponsor Mrs. Taylor distributes items as club members pack the kits. *Photo by S. Woodcock.*

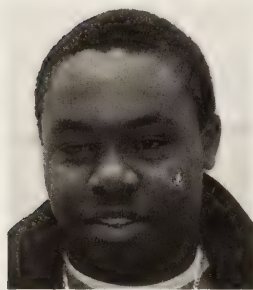


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"Career day at VCU made me think about my future and what my plans are going to be for college." - **April Barker**

"It is harder this year, with activities and getting everyone involved because we are a new school, and it takes time. My favorite event so far this year would have to be District Competition because we got to meet new people who are also in DECA. -**Tarah White**



"I won first place in Quick Service Restaurant Marketing. I now can attend the State Leadership Conference." - **Walter Williams**

"We went to a seminar at VCU. So far that's been my favorite trip, but it may change when we go to New York. -**Edel Tripp**

"New York will definitely be my favorite, I have never been there. We also get to see "Beauty and the Beast" on Broadway. -**Christen DuChemin**



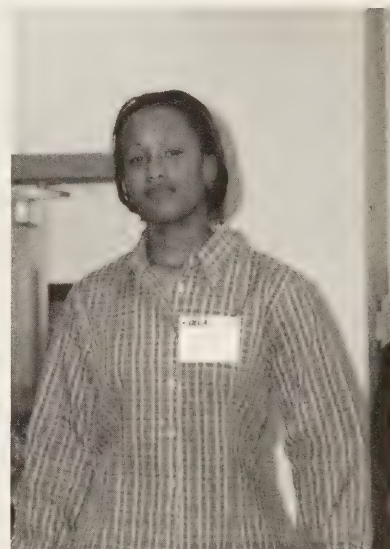
Speaking with DECA members from other schools at the State Officer Training at JMU, Heather Benson and Roger Howard talk about activities their club has done and what they plan to do. Photo by A. Hamblet.







At the District Leadership Conference Awards Ceremony held at the Spotsylvania Mall, Tarah White and others from schools including Courtland and James Monroe, receive their awards. Tarah received 1st place overall in appeal and accessories. Photo by A. Hamblet.



Strutting down the aisle at the District Officer Training workshop in November, Tarah White has a look of such confidence that couldn't be brought down. Photo by A. Hamblet.

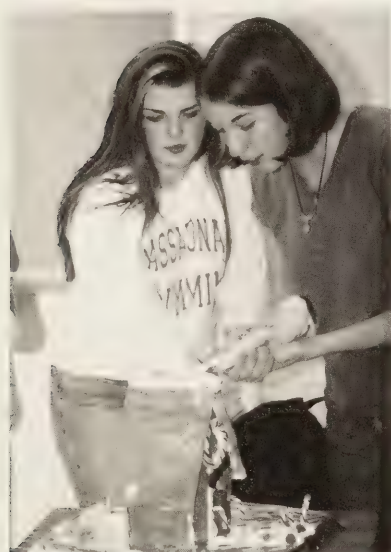


Leaving on their way to the District Officer Training in December, Mrs. Scott, Heather Benson, Roger Howard, and Tarah White talk excitedly about things they plan to discuss there. Photo by A. Hamblet.

At DECA's opening meeting Christen DuChemin, Shannon DuChemin and Jonathan Milstead get something to eat. At the meeting in December the group discussed upcoming events. Photo by A. Hamblet.



The Christmas holiday brought the German club together to make gingerbread houses. Shannon Vitarius and Stephanie Rohacek work together to build their gingerbread home. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*



A roof over their heads. Icing the roofs took time and more than two hands. Natalie Hahn helped Shannon Vitarius put icing on the roof of her gingerbread home. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*



It All Comes Crashing Down. Before his gingerbread house fell over, Jacob Baumgarten made his foundation, a gift box, a little more secure. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*

The Brain Behind It All. Shannon Vitarius carefully decorates the gingerbread house. Vitarius pre-baked the foundation of the house at home. Her parents own the Old Mud Tavern. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*





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"The best memory of the German Club was when we made the gingerbread houses. I got a chance to experience the German culture and make something that is regularly a tradition to them."

**-Natalie Hahn**

"The best part that I enjoyed about being in German Club was making the gingerbread houses. We stayed after school for about an hour and had fun making them with icing and candy."

**-Elizabeth Erndel**

"I was an officer this year, which gave me a lot of responsibility. I was in charge of creating and supervising what the club does and recording them for future reference. I had 48 hours to prepare an activity for the Multicultural Banquet, and pulled it off with ease. That is the best feeling, to know you make your sponsor and other members excited about the events we planned."

**-Stephanie Rohacek**



The Finished Product. By getting permission to use the showcase, the German Club was allowed to display their handmade gingerbread house. During the Christmas season students and officers of the club received much praise for their time and effort, and some extra credit from their very pleased sponsor. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*



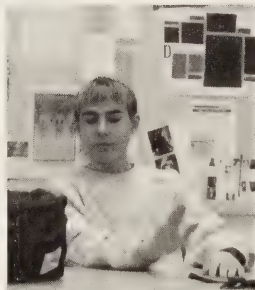
A variety of different clubs were able to present themselves at the school's first ever pep rally back in November. The Spanish Club banner was decorated very well with this year's 'First Night' theme. Carolina Buchanan, dressed with the most appropriate head attire, helped get the banner ready for display. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



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"The Christmas party was really fun. We played hide-and-seek and had presents for each other. We had a piñata full of candy that we busted too." -- **James Blackburn**



"Spanish Club meets when convenient which is about once a month. I liked the pumpkin-carving contest the best. It was a lot of fun and it was planned out very well." -- **Colt Hagmaier**



"I enjoy being in Spanish Club. The group is great to hang around with and everyone gets along great. We did more things this year than in past years." -- **Nichole Kosco**



"The club is better here because last year the meetings were boring and I never attended. The group is more friendly this year and I have more fun at the fiestas!" -- **Jen Greenfield**

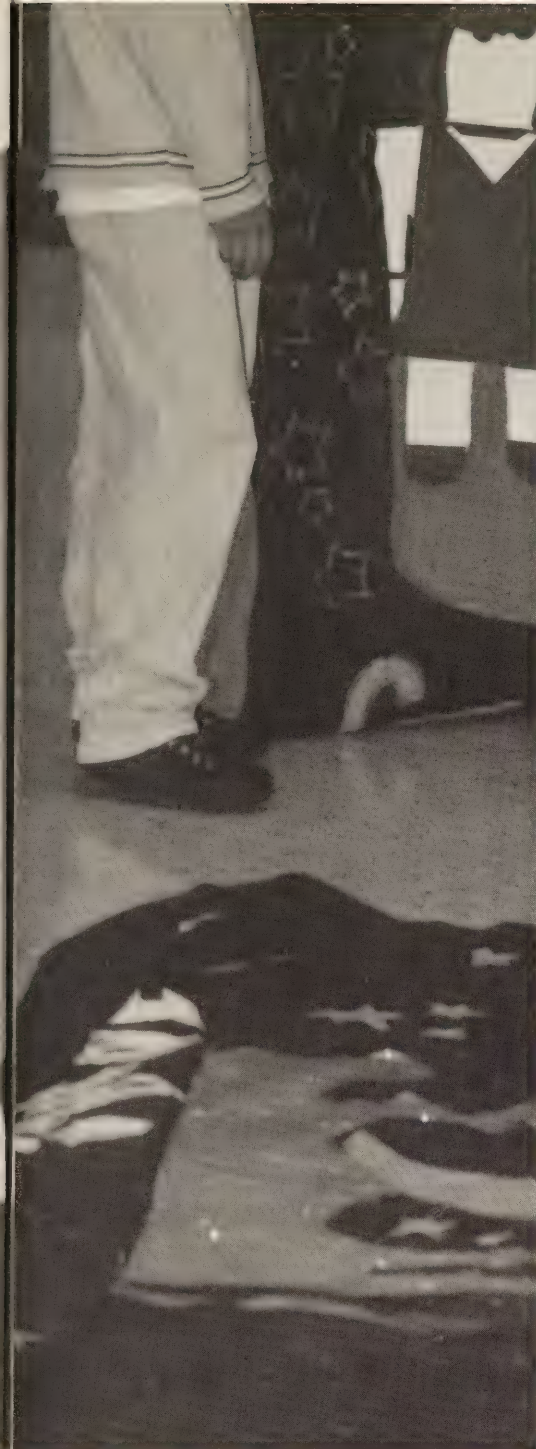
Spanish Club members scrambled to collect as much candy as their pockets could hold after the colorful piñata was broke open at the Christmas party in December. The party, which lasted a couple of hours, provided fun and entertainment for everyone. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



The pumpkin-carving contest, held outside the school behind the gym, gave students a chance to show off their artistic abilities. Colby Goetz worked hard to hollow out his pumpkin for carving with the assistance of J.P. Yurgel. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*







Working alone, but eventually with much help, Spanish club member David Newton decorated the wall before Winter Break. Red, green, and white tissue paper was folded into festive flowers for the holiday season and gave the hallway a colorful touch. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



Megan Aldrich was one of the many students who took part in the October pumpkin carving contest right before Halloween. The pumpkins were judged in a variety of categories and prizes were awarded. Everyone who participated had a great time and many unique pumpkins were displayed. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



Nichole Kosco and Elaine Fugee took time out for a small conversation during the many activities of the Spanish Club Christmas Party. Both Kosco and Fugee took part in making tissue paper flowers which was one thing members did during the event. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



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"Joining the English Club was something new for me because I had never heard of an English Club before this year so I joined to find out what its all about. The club is totally different than I thought it would be. I thought it would be really boring but its really fun."

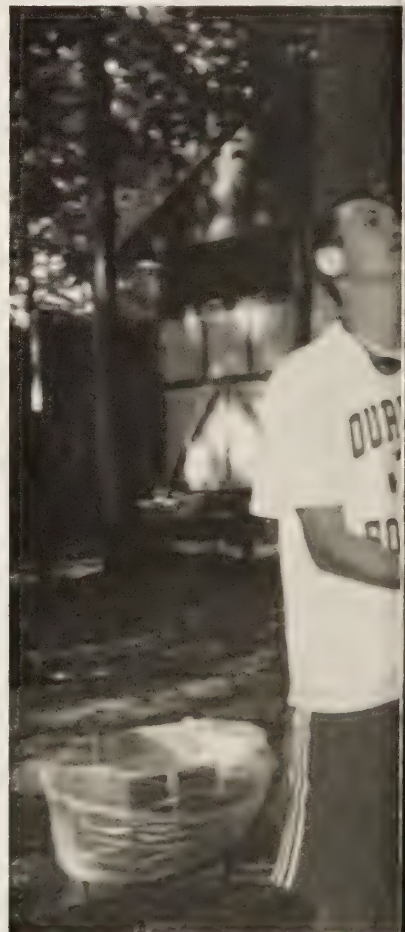
**Nick Smith**

"I'm in many different clubs but I think that the English club is one of my favorites because I really enjoy english. The club is new to me but since it was all about english I knew it would be a fun club to participate in. We learn more about literature than in our english class and it is really interesting." **Christine Tharp**

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Portraying William Shakespheare's Hamlet, Josh Cox stands behind a cutout at the Virginia Renaissance Faire. The english club went to the faire to learn more about the renais-sance age and its literature. *Photo by Alyson Seay.*







Dualing it out, J.P. Yurgel and Josh Cox each hope to make a kill popping each others balloons on their helmets. The balloon fencing duel is one of the more popular games at the Virginia Renaissance Faire. Photo by Alyson Seay.



Victory! J.P. Yurgel gets his hand raised high after defeating Josh Cox in the balloon fencing duel at the Virginia Renaissance Faire. During the game contestants try to pop their opponents balloon which is on the top of their helmet. Photo by Alyson Seay.



Posing as a jester isn't a very difficult task for Jonathon Morrow. Juggling was one of the activities that could be done at the Virginia Renaissance Faire. Photo by Alyson Seay.

After a hard day at the Renaissance Faire, Josh Cox gets caught up in the stocks. The stocks were used in the Renaissance era to humiliate and hold prisoners. Photo by Alyson Seay.



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"The Art Workshop with the faculty kids was a big success. It was a lot of fun for the kids, and Art Honor Society members.

--Lindsay Harmon

"I enjoy being in NAHS a lot this year. I believe the people are more creative and everyone's thoughts are heard."

--Catherine Walden



"Everyone had a blast at the Art Workshop. I think sometimes the students were enjoying themselves even more than the kids."

--Elaine Fugee

"We've gone to Art Museums in Washington D.C and Richmond, organized workshops for children and an art gallery at Courtland."

--Heidi Darmour



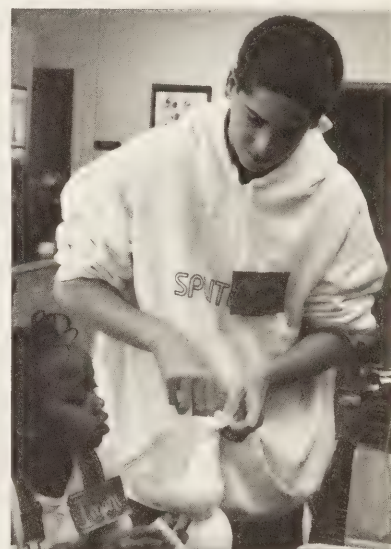
Helping the kids decide what they wanted to do could be a difficult task. Nathan Webster tries to convince one of the kids to come and try his arts and crafts station. Photo by Kaya Wilson.







For home economics class, students helped out at the Christmas party by preparing food. Tesherra Boxley serves a tray of pigs in a blanket to the students during a break. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*



One of the activities was making sock snowmen for the Christmas holiday. Here Brandon Rehberg helps a kid stuff hers and ready it for the trip back home. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*



To help work on a child's sock snowman, Rebecca Woodfolk waits for the hot glue gun to heat up. Students helped the children to do arts and crafts Christmas ornaments that they brought home. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*

For Forensics students read books to the children during storytime. Megan Brookes sits and listens to a story with one of the kids. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*



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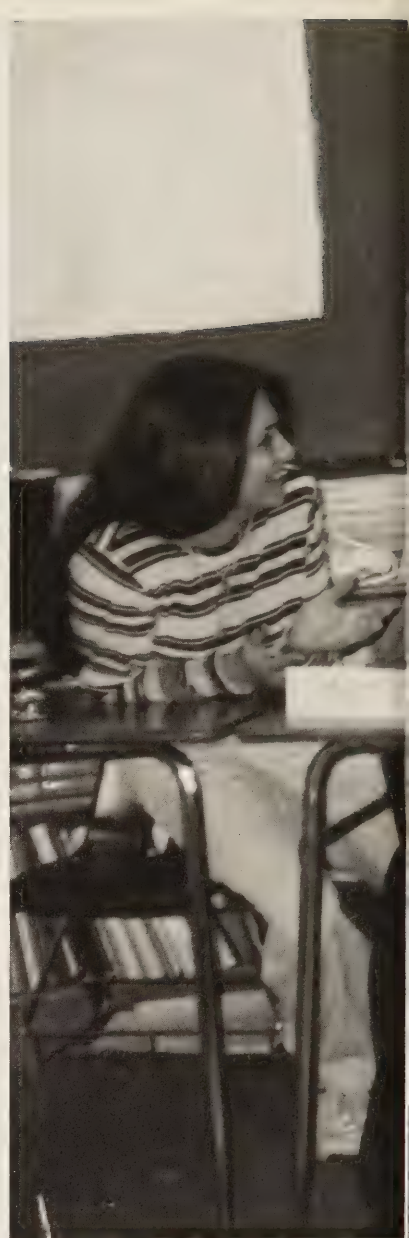
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"I would have to say that my favorite activity this year has been the fundraiser. I enjoyed being able to help the poor by collecting money for shoes they really needed." -**Troy Simpson**

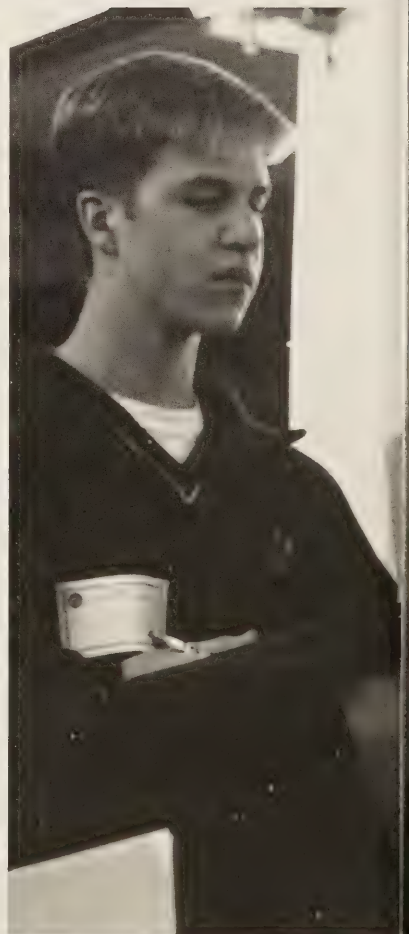
"I enjoyed the shoe fund drive. Our class won for donating the most money. It was fun to have the competition between all of the Latin classes. It was good to have donated so much money to people in need." -**Ashley Cole**

"The Latin Cub hasn't really done much this year, but of everything I have enjoyed collecting money for the shoe fund the most. It felt good to be helping those people with things they really needed." -**Ben Cox**

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Latin club president Keith Parker talks with Virginia state parliamentarian Jacob Konick and sponser Mrs. Jusino before a convention in Richmond. Photo by K. Wilson.

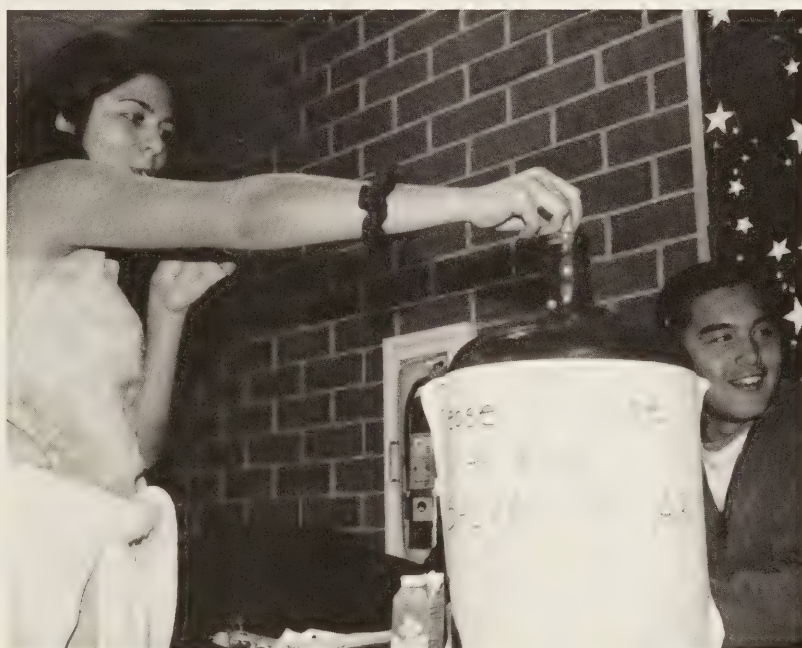
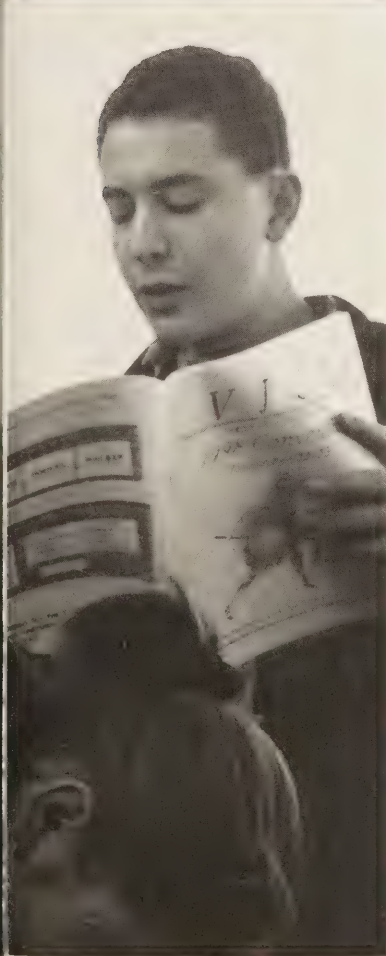
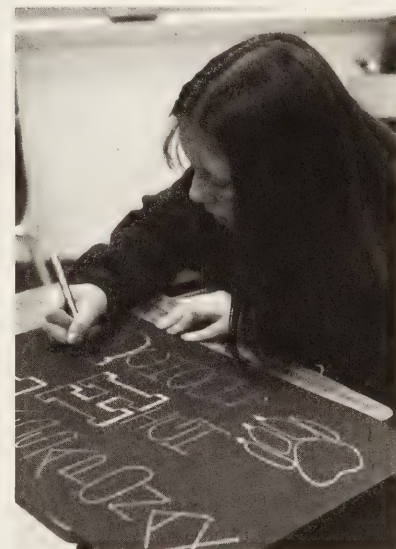






The team from Massaponax competes in a Certaman competition at another school. The team consists of Kaya Wilson, Mike Eltringham, and Andrew Dodd. *Photo by K. Wilson.*

Allyson Williams-Melle works on an identification poster used during a spirit contest. *Photo by K. Wilson.*



Matt Herbek and Todd Rosenbaum debate over the choices of what activities to attend during a Latin convention. *Photo by K. Wilson.*

Kaya Wilson donates to the Salvation Army Shoe Fund for which member Andrew Shin is collecting during his lunch shift. *Photo by S. Rohacek.*



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"I think activities such as 'Red Ribbon Week' are important because if they make even one person think twice about drinking and driving then the club has fulfilled it's purpose."

--Randall Pierce

"I chose to do pep band because it is the only chance I had to hang out with my friends from school."

--Phillip Sloan



"I think that if someone participates in Pep Band they must just really enjoy band. For the fact that it's not a graded class, people just do it for fun."

--Candice Carpender

"The Pep Band is something that is completely optional but I think people do it because it really is a lot of fun."

--Sarah Boyd



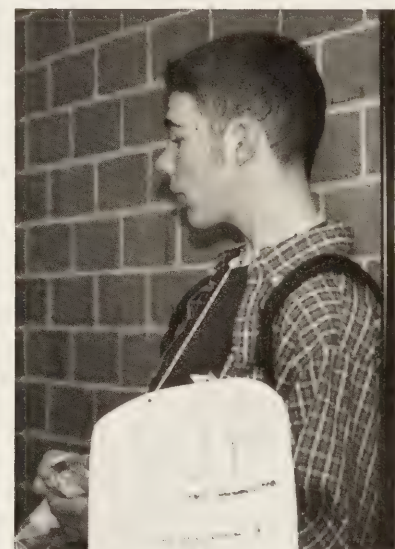
While the basketball game plays on, Josh Hayes provides the beat. "I like playing in the pep band because I get to get into all the games for free," said Josh. Photo by Phillip Sloan.







Throughout the day people were picked by their teachers to be pronounced dead. It remembered everyone who had died over the years from drinking and driving. If picked they could not talk the remainder of the day. Here Heather Holtzworth became the victim. *Photo by Sandy Woodcock*



During the month of October, SADD went class to class "Killing students". Gram Sullivan stands by himself at lunch due to the fact he couldn't talk because he was "dead". *Photo by Sandy Woodcock.*

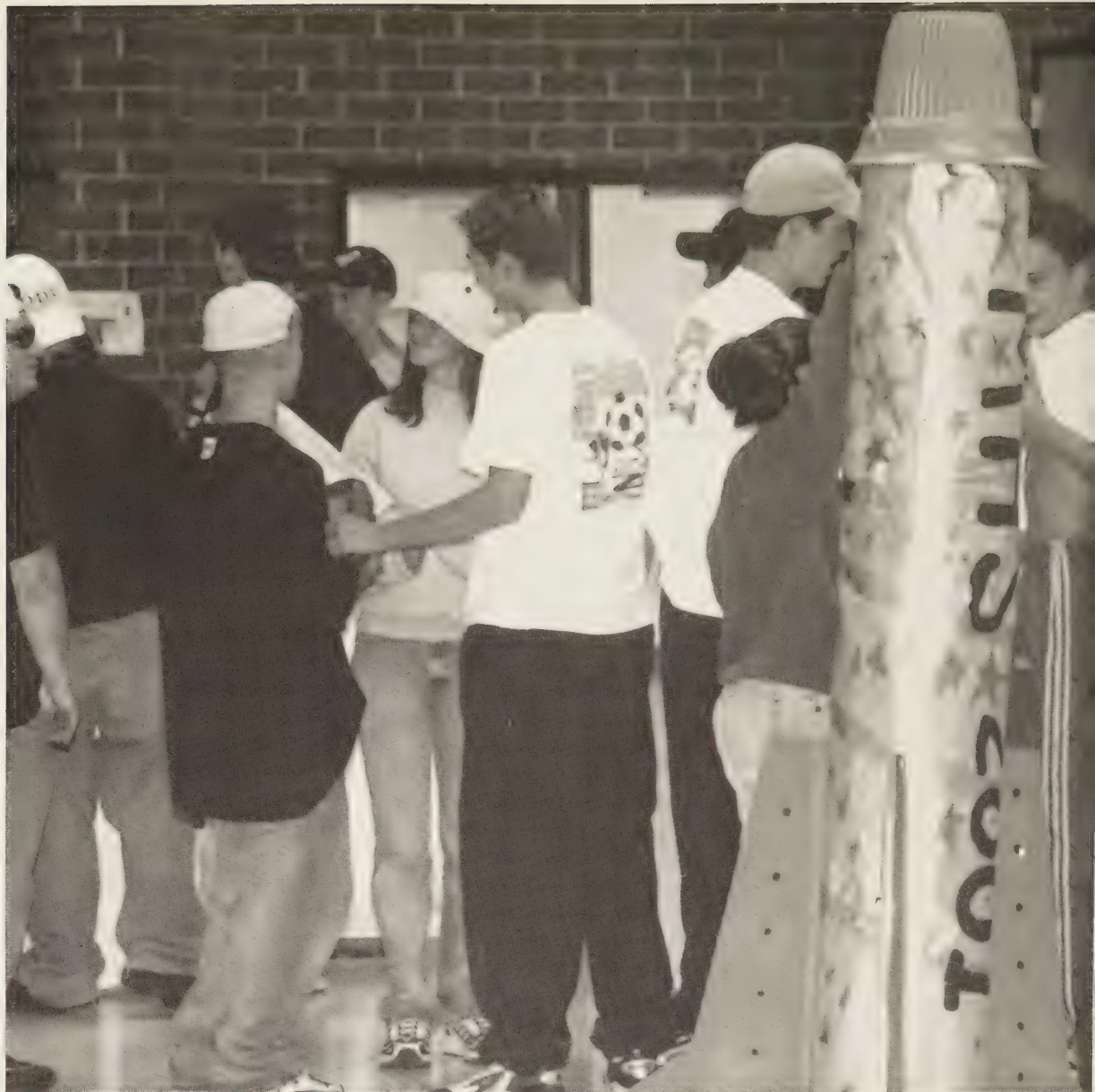


Accepting the stone tablet of death from the devil herself, Jenny Klarman, Phillip Sloan is now pronounced dead. "The day was a lot of fun, I liked being the devil for a day," said Jenny Klarman. *Photo by Sandy Woodcock.*

While taking a break from playing music for the fans, Collen Fowler is caught in a daze by the camera. *Photo by Phillip Sloan.*



Panther Pride. Before the Pep Rally, SCA representatives show off their displays which were used in the rally. Clubs showed off their spirit by participating a banner competition. Awards included Most Spirited and Most Creative. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*



Rocketing Into 2001. The sophomore homecoming float was a rocket. Josh Cox compares his height to the rocket and finds that he still has a few inches to grow. *Photo by Colt Hagmaier.*

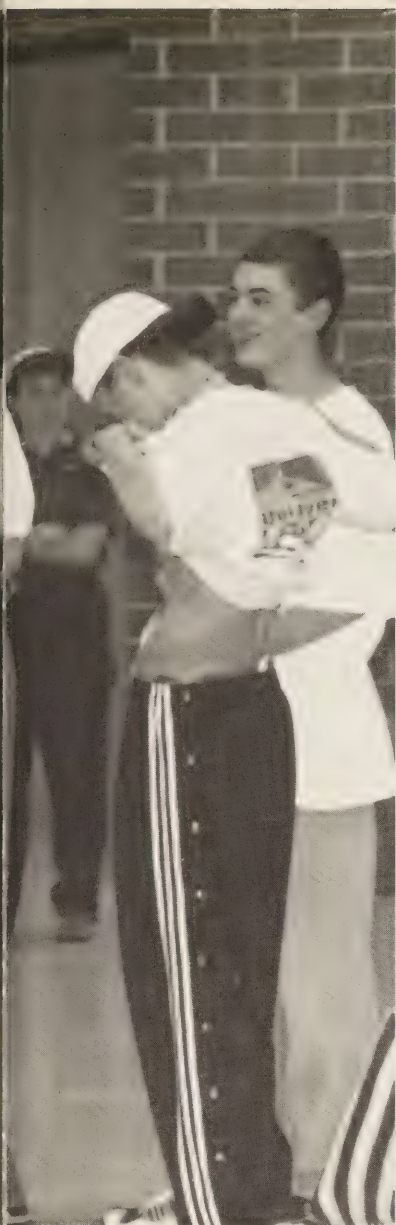


Riding High. Phill Mancini, Brad Ellsworth, Kristina Steward, and Dana Olsen pose for the camera on the bus before their Senior Class Breakfast. The breakfast was the start of a new tradition. *Photo by Jason Miller.*

Mixing it up. Stephanie Henson concentrates on putting the finishing touches on the Junior class banner. The banner was representative of the combining of students from all over the county. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*







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"Being Freshman Class President is an honor because I am president for a class that will be the first to go through the school from ninth to twelfth grade." **-Angie Deitz**

"Being a class officer this year has been a lot more exciting because I got to help, create the school constitution. We do a lot of fundraisers and dances." **-J.P. Yurgel**

"I ran for class president because it was a challenge. It was a challenge because I came from a different school than just about everyone in the junior class. I also ran because I want to look out for the best interest of the class." **-Chauntee Schuler**

"I ran for senior class president because I realized what a great opportunity it would be. I felt I had a lot to offer. Things like setting certain precedents for Graduation, Senior Servant Day, and establishing the first ever Senior Breakfast. No school in this county has had one before this year. The main reason I ran was because I wanted to do something good that I could be remembered for in years to come." **-Jason Miller**



Representing 2000. Cary Self and Christine Deitz work on the junior class banner which was entered in a banner competition as part of the homecoming festivities. Photo by James Blackburn.



With only a few people to help, decorating for La Premiere Nuit was a difficult task, but Katie Buckley looked at the job as a chance to have a little fun. *Photo by N. Barksdale.*



Showing support for the SCA sponsored Spirit Week, Carolyn Zidek dressed in her most comfortable pajamas and Tweety Bird slippers for school. *Photo by J. Blackburn.*



A lot of preparation and thought went into our firstcoming dance. The SCA wanted a magical night that all who attended would remember. Miss. Fisher and Nikki Cunningham discuss exactly how the commons area to look for the dance. *Photo by N. Barksdale.*

Decorating for La Premiere Nuit involved covering lights to create a starry night effect. Allyson Williams-Mele took on the task of covering up the vending machines in the commons area, for the event. *Photo by N. Barksdale.*



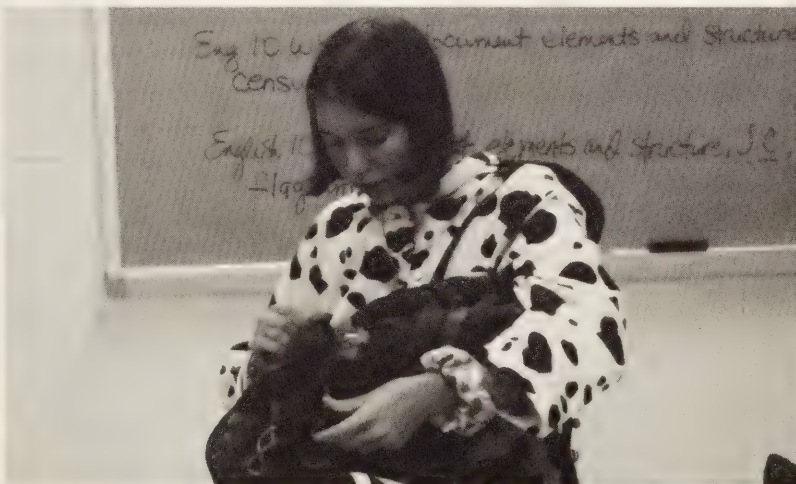


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"My favorite activities this year have been the dance, spring fever, community service and fundraisers, I've enjoyed pretty much everything and I have had a great time. This year has been different from last because I have been involved in more activities this year." - **Katie Buckley**

"My favorite thing so far was walking into the commons area the night of La Premiere Nuit and seeing everyone so happy and impressed by our hard work and decorations. This year has been harder because we don't have a huge budget but we have been very resourceful. Our President, Phil Mancini, has been an incredible first year leader." - **Adrienne Ward**



Pajama day proved to have an overwhelming amount of participation during Spirit Week. Shannon Vitarius didn't have to think twice about dressing up as her favorite animal for the silly day. *Photo by J. Blackburn.*



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"We have planned many trips, like the ski trip, helping at Courthouse Road Elementary, bingo field day, and Santa's Workshop." -**Dana Suich**

"We helped little kids with pine cones and we also read them letters." -**Chad Davis**

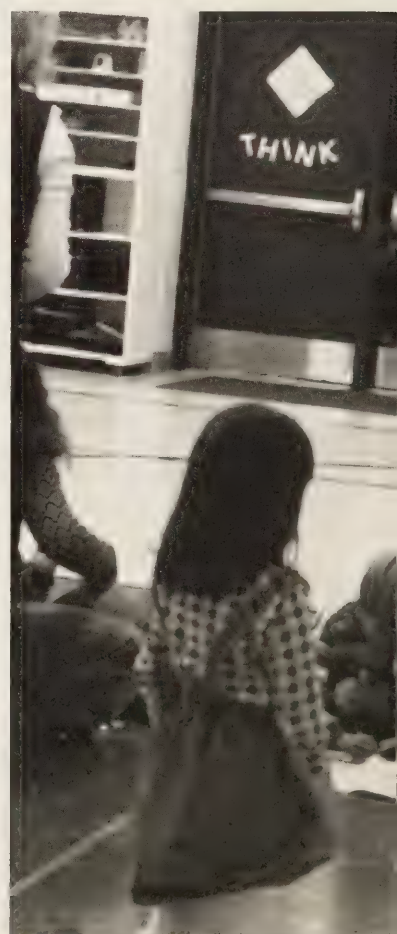
"We have had talent shows we have went to thornburg and read their letters to the children at Thornburg." -**Stacy Larson**

"In the fall we visited Courthouse Road Elementary School and read to the children. It was really fun." - **Kristine Rivas**

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A little help from a grown up. Two Courthouse Road students converse with junior Rebecca Richards about the arts and crafts project at Fall Festival held at the elementary school. Photo by Craig Goldstein.







At Courthouse Road Elementary's Fall Festival, SNAPS volunteered to help with craft construction. Lindsay Harmon aides a students with a pine cone craft. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*



SNAPS member, Tiffany Joseph, was very helpful to the grade schoolers at Courthouse Road Elementary. Here she ties a string for a young girl. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*



Do it just like this. Junior Rebecca Richards helps an elementary student tie a knot fruit loop bracelet, just one of the crafts SNAPS help organize. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*

A little glue and it sticks just fine. Lindsady Harmon helped in the pine cone department during the Fall Festival. *Photo by Craig Goldstein.*



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"A new school gave us lots of first year marchers, so we weren't very experienced together as a group, but with practice we eventually grew, and had a great year." - **Tiffany Evans**



"Last year, while at Courtland, the mood was much different, because there were different people with different levels of skill. Over half of our band this year consisted of freshmen, unlike years past." - **Jenny Kimmel**

"This year has been very different from last year at Courtland. We were a brand new group of people with different levels of experience and skill. It was difficult because we had to start all over again from scratch, and as a band we had to learn to work together, play together, and develop 'Panther Pride' - **Emily Baez**



As a group, the band had activities other than marching. Pep Band was also a choice. They played their music in order to liven up the audience. Band members pictured here play at a home basketball game. *Photo by G. Larson.*







On the day before Halloween, the marching bands drumline decided to have a little fun with the holiday. Chad Davis and Josh Hayes, both dress in funny glasses with Halloween decorations hanging from their instruments during their performance. *Photo by S. Rohacek.*



Drum Majors, Emily Baez and Eugene Mills salute the judges in a stationary stance, prior to the start of the competition. The majors do this to mark the beginning of the show. *Photo by S. Rohacek.*



A small section of the Panther Pride posed for a professional photographer, after the Cary Band competition. Emily Schekles, Josh Hayes, Wayne Pinkney, Jennifer Klarman, Chad Davis, and Ian Kraynak smile for the camera. *Photo by G. Larson.*

In competition, every single person is important. Each individual has a specific job needed to receive the best possible rating. Emily Schekles, a freshman, plays the xylophone in tune to the music the band provides. *Photo by G. Larson.*



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"Setting up for the event and the clean up were a lot of fun with the people who helped. Ms. Campbell is a really cool and fun teacher. She makes working more fun. It was also cool because my sister and I did a duo piece together and we walked away with first place (at Districts)."

**-Stevi Antosh**



"My first tournament was Districts. I was nervous but I had fun. I also enjoyed selling Halloween-O-Grams because it was fun making, decorating, and passing them out."

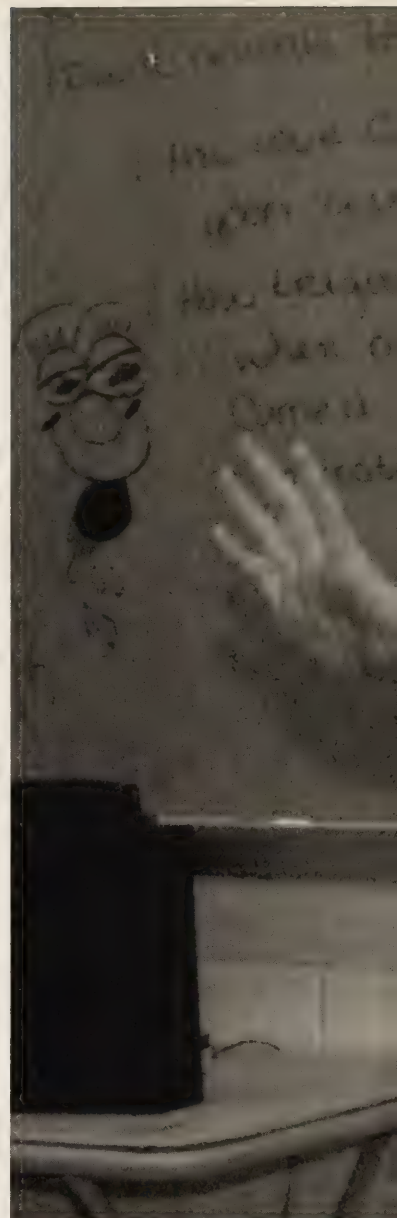
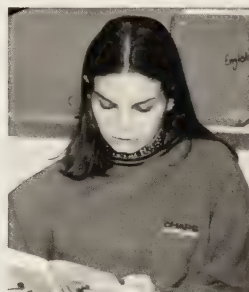
**-Kaya Wilson**

"My sister, Stevi, and I did a duo-piece together. It's like a mini-skits, but it's more voice. I was shaking before and during my performance. I was surprised I could even talk."

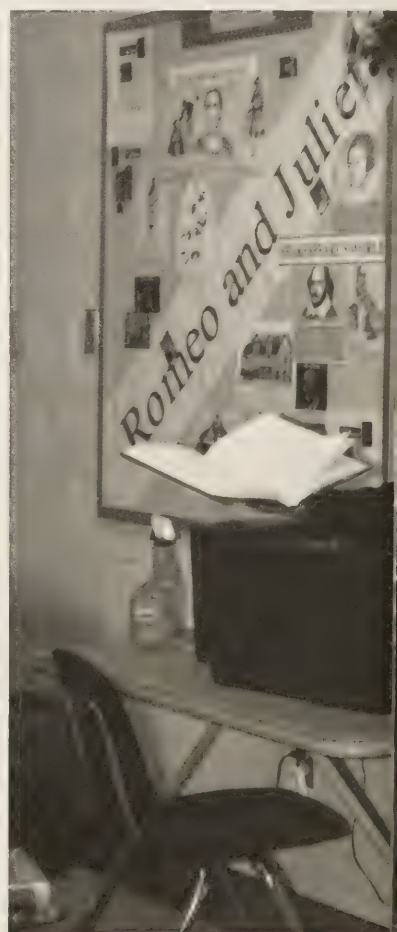
**-Amanda Antosh**

"Forensics is a lot of fun. One of the categories is storytelling. You get to pick a children's story and kind of act it out. It also helps out with public speaking."

**-Letitia Bowler**



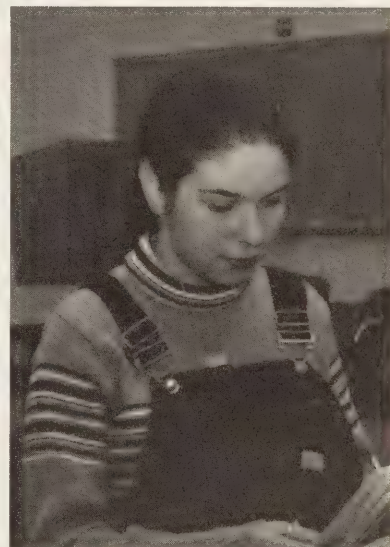
While the results of the District Forensics Tournament are announced, Letitia Bowler, Stevi Antosh, and Amanda Antosh sit tensely together with other competitors, waiting to see if they will go on to Regionals. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*



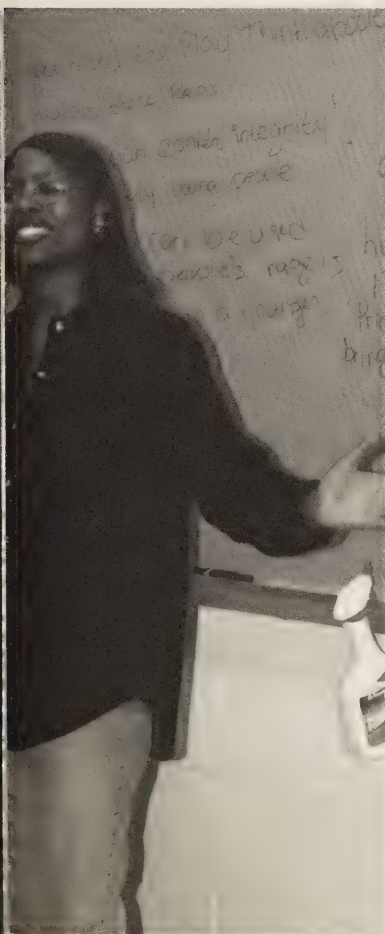




In preparation for District Forensics in early February, sophomore Amanda Antosh practices acting out her part as a five year old in the skit, "Ask Big Sis." Amanda and her sister, Stevi, took first place in duo at the district tournament. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*



Just before the District Tournament, Meghan McCumber looks over her piece in the lecture room. The slightest hesitation in reciting lines could cost students valuable points in the standings. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*



The night before District Forensics, Jeanette Bumpass stands tall in reciting her poetry piece. She and her piece, "Phenomenal Women," went on to Regionals. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*

While waiting for the results of the District Tournament in the lecture room, Letitia Bowler, Lenora Bowler, and Janelle Bumpass laugh and sing to pass time and relieve tension. *Photo by Kaya Wilson.*



Model Challenge '99 was a Drama Club sponsored Spring fashion show where area high school students modeled '99 Prom fashions and casual wear at a competition held at Massaponax. Drama teacher Kimberly Kemp demonstrates how to turn during rehearsal, as contestants look on. Photo by Jamelle Walker.



Creativity was the key to the Casual Wear category. Sophomore Krystal Kasen struts on stage in her favorite cow pants. Everyone's casual outfit was completely different from the rest and that's what made it so interesting. Photo by Chris Petrie.



The night of the show, everyone arrived early enough to fill the dressing rooms and crowd the mirrors. Models had to put on extra layers of makeup to look good under the stage lights. "Being so pale, I had to keep putting on layers of cover-up, but I still looked pale," said Sarah Bryant. Photo by Kaya Wilson.

Rehearsal was long and there was a lot of planning to get everything straight for the show. Leaving a lot of time for models to get acquainted with each other, especially those who go to different schools. Friends Sarah Bryant and Kim Thomas, talk to each other about their for the next evening. Photo by Jamelle Walker.





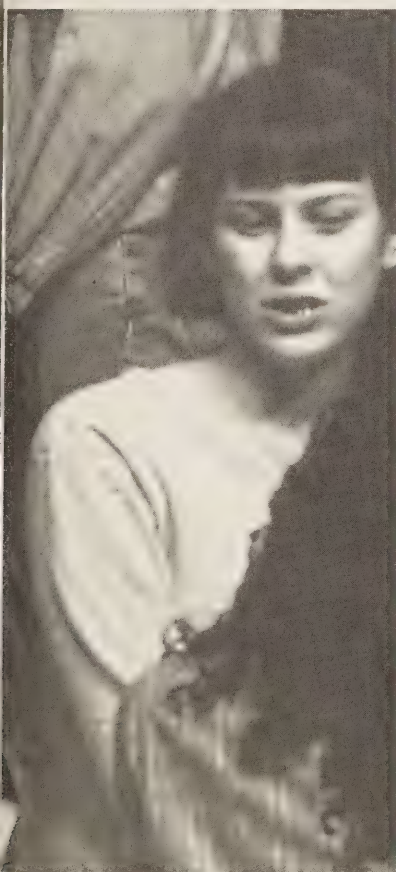


The perfect walk complimented by the perfect outfit are what catches the judge's attention. Phillip Sloan represented four male models during the show. Photo by Chris Petrie

To give the judges a second look, all of the contestants came on stage and stood in their best pose. Planning the formation of the line took the most amount of time in rehearsal, but practice payed off in the show. Photo by Kaya Wilson



# startin' *from* scratch



"I did the Model Challenge because my friend and I decided I would be fun. For our outfits, we decided to go with simple stuff. My casual outfit was white pants and a blue tank top, and my gown was straight and simple. It made everything less complicated. I would definitely do it again next year." -**Loren Graveline**

"The Model Challenge was a lot of fun. I met a lot of new people and some of my family that had never seen me model got to see me. I'm used to modeling so I wasn't nervous about the show was I was nervous about my family being there." -**Michelle Roe**



"I've always wanted to be a model. I've modeled for the mall for a year. I liked evening wear the best. My gown was royal blue with sequins. I borrowed it from DEB in the mall." -**Andrea Lyall**

"On the requirement sheet it read 'Sportswear.' My friend and I were thinking sporty clothing instead of casualware. So, I went with a referee ensemble. Everyone's interpretation of 'sportswear' was the best part of the show." -**Sarah Bryant**





The school provided opportunities for not only the students but the community also. Luckily for us our community was strong, able, and willing. Our efforts were strengthened and our facilities improved through community contributions.

Athletic boosters led a campaign which funded equipment for the weightroom. Parents accompanied student groups on field trips. We came together to make our first year a great one...



*from start*  
**to finish**





Like a bird, Andrew Baker flies through the air while performing one of his favorite tricks. Archy's provides a good place to skate, with it's open parking lot and moveable obstacles. Baker and friends skate there daily after school and on the weekend.

Hand in hand students at Massaponax awoke and came to school early to join schools across the nation in the F.C.A. founded "See You at the Pole." Below Jonathan Thomas, Robert Basso, and Corey Hatcher stand holding hands in deep prayer. The turnout grew as the time passed.



Lending a helping hand junior Natalie Hahn helps Kimberly, a child of a faculty memeber, design a poster. The National Art Honor Society held a babysitting service for the staff of Massaponax on a teacher-in-service day. Both the students and children learned a lot and had a lot of fun.





# CONGRATULATIONS

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU

*Raelissa Ambrose*

You are the reason I  
breathe.

We love you!



*-Mama & Lonnie*







*Jessica,*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
We wish you  
the best of  
everything--  
always,  
and love you  
very much!



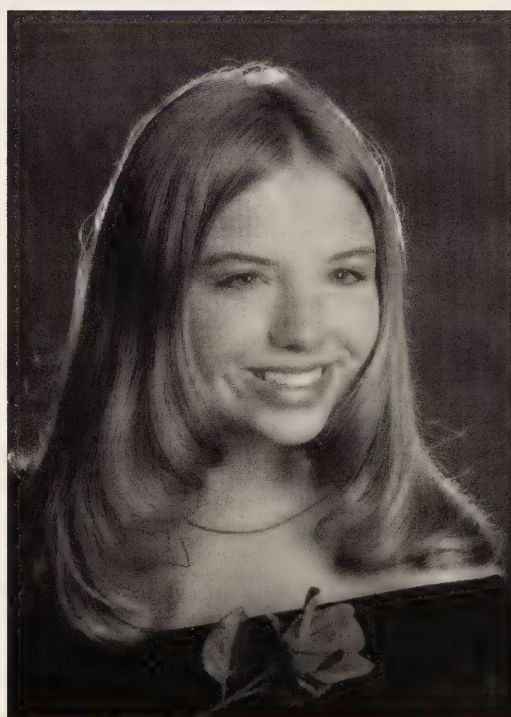
*Love,*  
*Mom, Dad, Charity, Heather and Thomas*

**Michelle,**

Wasn't it only yesterday  
that you were headed off to  
kindergarten? How quickly  
the time has past!

You have brought so much  
joy to our lives. We have  
watched you grow into a  
beautiful and caring young  
woman. What a wonderful  
person you have become!

Our wish for you is a life-  
time filled with love and hap-  
piness where all your dreams  
come true. Remember that  
we will always love you and  
are very proud of you!



*May God Bless You and Keep You-*  
*All of Our Love,*  
*Mom, Dad, Jeff, Steven and Michael.*





*Lynnette K. Bowler*

We have watched you grow into a wonderful, high spirited young lady. We are so proud of you!

Always remember to "Depend on the Lord in whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."-Proverbs 16:3

Love,

*Mom*

When You're Cool, The Sun's Always Shining



Brad,

You've made a difference in our lives. You've done well in the last 18 years...there's no limit to what you can achieve.

Love,

*Mom, Dad, Kellie, and Mark*



*Geri Larson*

"...to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exaltation;... this is to have succeeded."

From crib to college you have always excelled!

We are so very proud of you!

*We love you,*

*Mom, Dad,  
and Stacy*

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 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE MAJORETTE – North Stafford Invitational  
 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE GENERAL EFFECT – North Stafford Invitational  
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 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE DRUM MAJOR – Southside VA festival of Champions  
 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE MARCHING – Southside VA festival of Champions  
 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE MUSIC – Southside VA festival of Champions

3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE GENERAL EFFECT – Southside VA festival of Champions  
 EXCELLENT RATING – VBODA State Marching Festival  
 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE BAND – Cary Band Day, Cary NC  
 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE DRUM MAJOR – Cary Band Day, Cary NC  
 EXCELLENT RATING – Cary Band Day, Cary NC  
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**Shawn Jacobs-** "Any job I have is going to deal with art."

**Tamara Ward-** "I want to be a musician, like in an orchestra."





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**German Club. Front Row:** Laura Thacker, Jen Hamilton, Elizabeth Erndle, Sabrina Voigt, Kelly Jensen. **Back Row:** Stephanie Rohacek, Philip Sloan, Jacob Baumgarten, Shannon Vitarius, Nicholas Hunter.



**Debate Club. Front Row:** Jeanele Bumpus, Cary Self, Daniel McKenrick. **Back Row:** Mrs. DelGrosso, Emily Hamblet, Mrs. Tempesta.

## Most Athletic

Are academics an important part of your athletics?

**David Clark-** "Yes, because you only get so far with just athletics alone. I need something to fall back on."

**Tiffany Joseph-** "Yes, because you have to study a sport to be good at it."







KEY Club. **Front Row:** Adrienne Ward, Chantee Schuler, Mr. Shinberger, Jenn Saemann, Ashley Grant. **Back Row:** Emily Hamblet, Stephanie Henson, Greg Williams, Shannon Lally, Deanna Mrdjjenovic.



KEY Club. **Front Row:** Virginia McIntyre, Jaque Messeder, Lindsay Biddinger, Younah Pee, Michael Toner, Mark Blake. **Second Row:** Elita Walker, Nikki Cunningham, Matt Herbek, Linday Harmon, Rebecca Richards, Laura Nelson. **Back Row:** Craig Goldstein, Daniel Ross, Phill Mancini, Keith Parker, Jonathan Thomas, Katie Streeff.



Spanish Club. **Front row:** Emily Bagby, Mark Blake, Carolina Buchanan, Mandi Cabral, Daniel Brown, Kayti Ackley. **Second Row:** Leanne DuCote, Courtney Carter, Jillian Brown, Bridget Benedict, Nick Barksdale, Justin Racho, Megan Aldnar, Alex Carrow. **Back Row:** Elizabeth Easely, Steven Adams, Adam Conner, Ben Cox, James Blackburn, Eric Depollo, Rick Dougnerty, Cliff Campbell, Jeremy Colwell.



Spanish Club. **Front Row:** Stacey Larson, Jennifer Hamilton, Ronni Graham, Shannon Lucis, Jennifer Prickett, Christina Hovey. **Second Row:** Sora Moran, Nichole Cosko, Tifani Evans, Lindsay Harmon, Jessica McDonald, J.R. Kines, Colby Goetz, Debbie Moore, Jacque Messeder, Phill Mancini, A.J. Lee, Nichole Kerm, Jimmy McGee, Nichole Heiman, Jonathan Eastridge, Chris Farmer, Virginia McIntyre, April Morales, Sasha Miller.

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When you look for someone to date, are looks the most important quality?

**Josh Adams-** "Looks are the first thing to attract me to a girl, then you look for whether you click or not."

**Miranda Ellis-** "No, because if someone has a bad personality they get less attractive."



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**Spanish Club. Front Row:** Amy Roberts, Ian Kaila, Remy Mariam, Jen Greenfield, Latita Bowler, Jonathan Young. **Back Row:** Mrs. McCary, George Yin, J.P. Yurgel, Greg Williams, Andrew Shin, Devin Wright, Laura Wunderlich, Mrs. Buck.



**Drama Club. Front Row:** Sara Stultz, Audra Rojek, Amanda Vaughn, Jenny Nielsen, Michael Toner, Tonia Rutherford, Addie Hall. **Second Row:** Claire Boswell, Whitney Clark, Nikki Cunningham, Jennifer Saeman, Jeannie Payne, Philip Seidman, Melissa Steigner, Krystal Kasen, Stacy Terrell, Keirsten Sayles, Ms. Kemp. **Back Row:** Seth Myers, Paul Merkouris, Chauntee Shuler, Caroline Westover, Shannon Vitarius, Jordan Robinson, Jon Reynolds Jr., Todd Rosenbaum, Phil Sloan, Christina Chewning, David Watson.



**Drama Club. Front Row:** Tiffany Alexander, Brian Cosgrove, Kelly Jensen, Jennifer Hamilton, Renee Keeler, Colleen Danyluk, Jennifer Kimmel. **Second Row:** Laura Nelson, Leah Finley, Allison Gwynn, Clarice Leslie, Tonya Cooper, Geri Larson, Tiffany Evans, Candice Carpenter, Stacy Larson. **Back Row:** April Morales, Kate McDowell, Ashley Grant, Matt Herbek, Jonathan Eastridge, Charlie Coleman, Ian Kraynak, Deanna Mrdjenovic, Jennifer Klarman.



## Best All-Around

Are you a perfectionist? What is your idea of perfectionism?

**Jacob Lease-** "I try to be perfect in everything I do."

**Nikki Cunningham-** "Yes, I am a perfectionist. I am very clean, especially about my car. I only surround myself with people who I find intellectually stimulating."





**French Club. Front Row:** Josephine De, Audra Rojek, Jimmy Crabtree, Emily Sheckels, Cindy Morris, Jennifer Nielsen, Elizabeth Sabu, Catherine Hiker. **Second Row:** Alyson Seay, Jennifer Bock, Ben Lewis, Chip Clark, Shannon Lally, Jean Payne, Elizabeth Clark, Amy Hamblet, Mrs. Williams. **Back Row:** Timothy Hepp, Andrea Lyall, Emily Hamblet, Patrick Kennedy, T.J. Kilgore, Marina Merkouris, Denise Machonis, Heidi Darnour, Chad Davis, Laura Nelson.



**Junior Class Officers and Board. Front Row:** Christina Hovey, Cary Self, Shannon Lally, Devin Wright, Caroline Westover, Lindsay Harmon. **Back Row:** Mrs. McCrum, Shante Scheuler, Christine Deitz, Keith Parker, Andrea Lyall, Johnathon Thomas, Mrs. Fillare.



**Environmental Club. Front Row:** Rachel Heard, Brandi Suggs, Randi Elese, Tiffany Joseph. **Back Row:** Mr. Stebar, Devin Wright, George Yin, Cami Thompson.



**Senior Class Officers and Board. Front Row:** Phillip Sloan, Candace Carpenter. **Back Row:** Maranda Ellis, Nikki Cunningham, Jason Miller, Jan Muerdler.



**Growl Staff. Front Row:** Jenny Connell, Letitia Browner, Richard Erwin. **Back row:** Kevin Thacker, Eric Myers, Mrs. Woodcock.

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Fredrica Harrison, center, is surrounded by senior friends.

## Best Dressed

Where do you shop?

**Fredricia Harrison-** "I shop at Sizes Unlimited, Old Navy, and Nautica Outlet because they have clothes for all sizes and they are name brand stores I like."

**Billy Grantz-** "Hechts and Structure. Just because I like them."



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## Biggest Flirt

Where is the fine line between being friendly and being a flirt?

**Dana Olsen-** "Friendly is just having fun, flirting is taken to another level of feelings."

**Charlie Cook-** "I think it is just a way of being friendly. If I had to draw a line, it would be anything past a compliment."



Charlie Cook, sixth from left, hugs fellow AP English classmates.



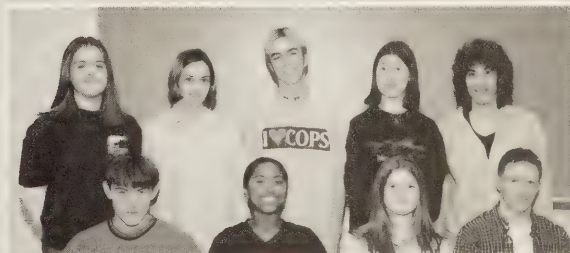
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**Marine Biology Club. Front Row:** Jamelle Walker, Deanna Mrdjenovic, Tranee Knotts, Tiffany Joseph, Addi Hall, Brian Hollenberger. **Back Row:** Mr. Stebar, Camille Thompson, Sarah Boyd, Charles Cook, Candice Carpenter, Brandi Suggs, Tamara Ward.



**National Art Honor Society. Front Row:** Mrs. Richards, Catherine Walden, Christina Hovey, Kelly Jenson, Ms. Orr. **Back Row:** Heidi Darmour, Chip Clark, Patrick Kennedy, Natalie Hahn, Erin Fugee.



**Literary Magazine. Front Row:** Cliff Campbell, T.J. Joseph, Kendra Hitz, Jason Miller. **Back Row:** Tonya Cooper, Amy Roemer, Jon Wassink, Jeannie Payne, Mrs. Soto.



**National Honor Society. Front Row:** Tiffany Joseph, Sarah Boyd, Charlie Cook, Miranda Ellis. **Second Row:** Sheryl Hansford, Brian Hollenberger, Jacob Baumgarten, Mrs. Jorden.





**Future Homemakers of America. Front Row:** Monique Fox, Wendy Smith, Nichole Scheumeister, Jamie Owens, Patricia Hughey, Jamanda McInnis, Tia Blake. **Second Row:** Latoya Baker, Kimara Goodwin, Sonya Cochran, Heather Osborne, Tricia Cutlip, Dawn Colbert, Eadre Verburg. **Back Row:** Sonnie Sullivan, Lakeyda Garland, Paul Little, Timothy Williams, Tamica Autry, Fedncia Harrison, Stephen Beiler, Mrs. Clark.



**Future Homemakers of America. Front Row:** Caroline Guelig, Tesheria Boxley, Sylvia Diaz. **Back Row:** Donna Hostetler, Danyell Smith, Tiffany Mauck and Mrs. Clark.



**Office, Guidance and Nurse's Aides. Front Row:** Michelle Lecky, Jessica Jordan, Justin Patton, Carolina Buchanan, Adrienne Edwards, Kristin Malove, Lindsay Carr, Erin Chapman, Danielle Lloyd. **Second Row:** Tonya Cooper, Daniel Chenault, Jon Wassink, Crystal Aryers, Bridget Benedict, Jeanie Losh, Tamela Becker, Ashley Grant, Julia Schiesser. **Back Row:** Ashly Bell, Justin Fletcher, Nick Thomas, Bryan Lewis, Kingsley Wright, Josh Adams, Todd Pickering, Will Yon.



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Do you ever get tired of being so friendly?

**Phill Mancini-** "Being friendly is never tiring because it is a lot easier for me to get along with people than to be a rude idiot."

**Sarah Boyd-** "It is just my nature. I always have my Sarah smile on my face. Without my smile, I'm not me."





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## Most likely to succeed

What are your future plans?

**Philip Sloan-** "Go to college and get a job. Maybe start a family."

**Kendra Hitz-** "Go to college, become a vet, make money, and have a family. That's about it."





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What does being voted Most Talkative mean to you?

**Erin Maclin-** "To me it's the same as Most Friendly so I love it!"

**Brad Ellsworth-** "It means I talk too much in class."



Erin Macklin receives instructions from Mrs. Taylor at the FBLA Exam Survival Kit creation.



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## Most Spirited

What was the craziest thing you ever did for school spirit?

**Eugene Mills-** "Normal stuff like I painted cougars..uh..I mean PANTHERS on my face."

**Candice Carpenter-** "Spending over \$50 on teal and black makeup."





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## just a few words from the editors

Well it's done FINALLY. And we are incredibly proud of our creation, flawed though it may be.

On DAY ONE we had no idea of the painstaking effort that would be required to make this book. As totally inexperienced staffers at a brand new school, our ignorance was bliss.

Now we know effort was a given. We hope that you will hold dear the memories this book showcases. You hold in your hands history; history that you made, we collected, and we will have to share for the rest of our lives.

From day one, the '99 Glances was no less than a learning experience. Day by day, week by week, we all worked together to document those events which represented the best Massaponax had to offer.

We gave you our best. In many cases that effort sometimes had us here until 8:00 p.m. We spent more that one Saturday, as well.

A special thanks to all those on staff and to the Journalism I and Photojournalism students who contributed copy and photographs.

It's been some year, thank goodness the book is finally finished.

—Elita and Randall



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**Varsity Club.** *Front Row:* Erin Chapman, Jo-Al Simmerman, Adrienne Ward, Stevi Antosh, Jen Greenfield, Christin DuChemin, Alyson Seay. *Second Row:* Tom Hetman, Eric Myers, Andrew Shin, Ian Kaila, Jeremy Colwell, Denise Machonis, Shannon Voss. *Back Row:* KC Cowser, Angie Deitz, Rebecca Richards, Jason Miller, Marc Smith, Kelvin Jones, Shannon Lucas, Holly Slavin, Krissy Somers, Jan Muerdler, Mrs. Gebhart.



**Varsity Club.** *Front Row:* Maurice Hayes, Christina Hovey, Tiffany Joseph, Shannon Faulconer, Jason Young, Brandie Suggs. *Second Row:* Elita Walker, Christine Tharp, Joe Perry, Cassandra Hall, Todd Pickering, John Broughton. *Back Row:* Brandon Rehberg, Dane Lewis, Jessica Burnopp, George Yin, Bob Bradley, Ted Berna, Jay Fairchild, Dustin Washington, Jason Yencha.



**Glances Staff:** *Front Row:* Mike Eltringham, Jason Miller, Amy Roemer, Jo-Al Simmerman, Tammy Leavy, Randall Pierce. *Second Row:* Mrs. Woodcock, Jennifer Saemann, Nick Barksdale, Elita Walker, Jessica McDonald, Sarah Moran. *Back Row:* Matt Smith, Shannon Lally, Devin Wright, George Yin, Allison Sapp, Jennifer Klarman, Ashly Bell.

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*As the year came to a close,*

MHS was a hive of activity. The administration on Feb. 3 handed out 93 Academic Letters to students with a 3.5 cumulative average for the previous school year.

Finally finished, an official Dedication ceremony was held.

The Debate team was amongst the top ten Metro Teams.

Faculty brought their children to work on April 22.

And change was in the wind when Mr. Gray announced his retirement.

Daily, each event, each change

*made us*

**one**

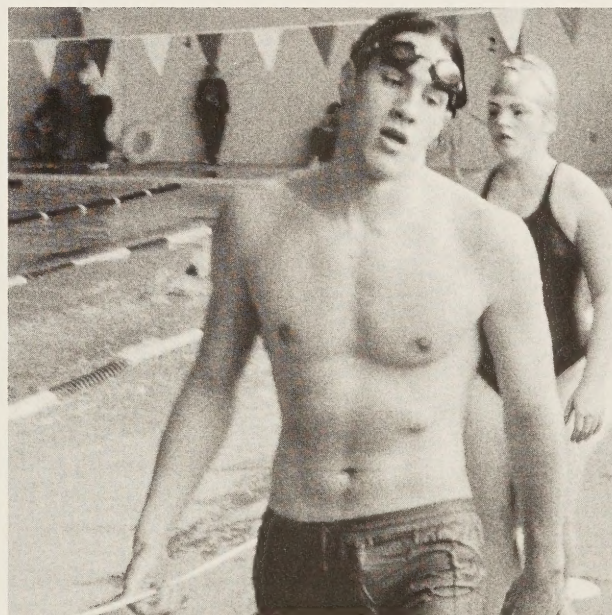






We're ready. Reaching for the snow, friends Tim Moran, Paul Searle, Andrew Joos, Tim Fenwick and Jonathan Eastridge prepare to catch the flakes of the year's first snowfall at the beginning of March. Later in the month, on March 9, the area got eight inches of snow and students got a two-day holiday. *Photo by Stephanie Rohacek.*

Debate team members Cary Self and Emily Hamlett laugh and let off steam before getting down to the more serious business of arguing cases. *Photo by Steven Poirier.*



What a winner. Concentrating on the meet, Keith Parker strolls back following a 25 meter sprint during warm-ups at the District meet. The year-round swimmer, was the only Massaponax swimmer to be named to the *Free Lance Star's* All Area Team. *Photo by James Blackburn.*





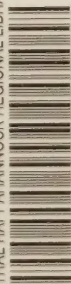
Panther practice. During pre-practice warm-ups, runner Erin Chapman jumps each hurdle five times from a standing start. Chapman was the only woman on the team to compete in hurdles. She qualified for five events at State Indoor Track Championship. *Photo by Alex Carrow.*







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